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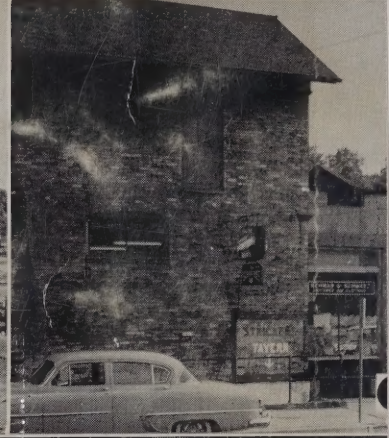
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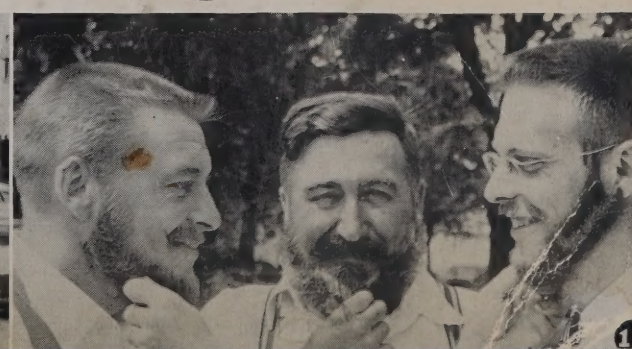
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THE COVER PICTURES—Old Middleton scenes are shown at the top and new ones at the bottom. They are: (1) Early day milk delivery in Middleton about 1913. Note the fly net on the horse and the pitcher in the boy's hand. They are Elmore Miller (left) and his brother Leonard. Charles Schwenn owned the route. The picture was taken on Whittlesey Street, now University Avenue, at Bristol Street. (2) Willie Schneider, son of Mrs. Anna DuFrenne Schneider, rides his new tricycle. (3) Market day in Middleton, with cutters in the foreground, and bobsleds along the curb of Hubbard Street. (4) Repairing wheels and plows, and shoeing horses were the big tasks of blacksmiths. Here's one of the Middleton shops, with a

team of horses in front, and a buggy and plows at the side. This shop was on the site of the present Denner and Tiedeman filling station. (5) The great fire of June 19, 1900 swept away 19 buildings before it was brought under control. In the background are the DuFrenne store and the store now occupied by Koltes and Keegan, which survived the blaze. (6) This celebrated intersection of Hubbard and Parmenter Streets shows a corner of the 100-year-old Schwab and Schwarz store at left, and the old feed mill in the background. (7) This alley-way from Hubbard to Elmwood Street has had a lot of use during its life. (8) Looking east on Hubbard Street from Parmenter, as late-afternoon shoppers park their cars. (9) These

girls were contestants for the title of queen of the Middleton Centennial. Left to right they are Joan Meinholz, JoAnn Heebink, Phyllis Breunig, Marilyn Miller, Jane Holzem, named queen; Beverly Smith, and Betty Maly. (10) The Middleton High School band is shown in action, at the Sauk-Prairie Dairy Day Celebration this spring. (11) This is Parmenter Street, looking north past the Hubbard Street intersection. (12) These men are among nearly two-score who raised beards to help along the Middleton Centennial Celebration. Left to right they are: Delmar Steckelberg, Theodore "Pete" Kahl, and Donald Tiedeman.

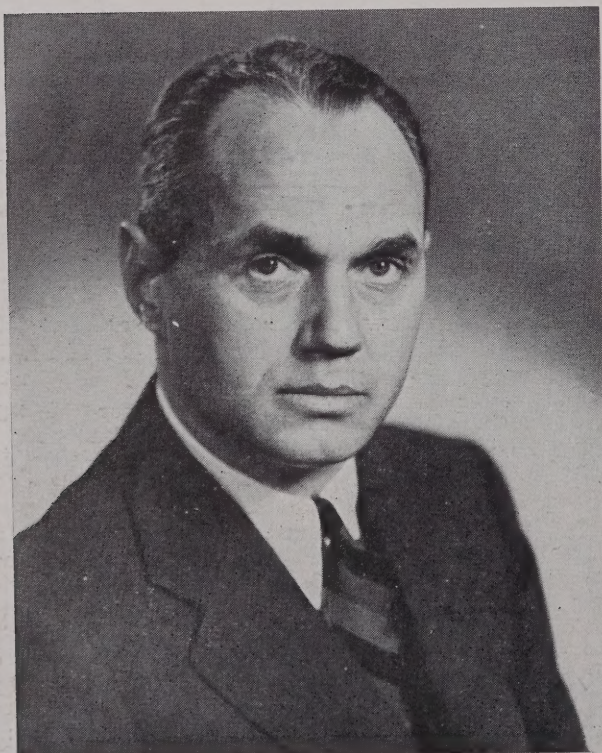
A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR KOHLER

To the Citizens of Middleton:

It is with pleasure that I extend my personal greetings and good wishes to the people of the village of Middleton on the occasion of their centennial celebration.

The past century has been a good one for your community and our state. A bountiful nature, and an intelligent and preserving citizenry, high ideals and hard work have made your community and state what it is today. May the same qualities, still abundantly present, make the next century an equally good one for our land.

Let me urge you, during this centennial year, to study your community's past. Out of that study will come a heightened understanding of the problems faced by our forefathers. Out of that study will come a renewed and deeper appreciation of the freedom, government and even the material things that we so often take for granted. Make this centennial year a time to consciously rededicate yourselves to the principles of justice, freedom and democracy--the priceless heritage our forefathers left to us as a trust. Out of such a rededication will come an even greater century of progress than the one you now celebrate.



Gov. Walter J. Kohler

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Walter J. Kohler".

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From Indian Days To the Late Nineties

By E. W. TOMLINSON

MUCH of the history of Middleton's earliest period has already been recounted in several printed works, a complete list of which will be found in the bibliography at the end of this book. Hence no more than a brief sketch of that period need be given here.

Knowledge of the Winnebago Indians came to French-Canadian ears about two and one quarter centuries ago. By 1634 agents of the French were at work among them, the *coureurs du bois* of song and story, pushing their furladen canoes up the uncharted wilderness rivers.

On their heels came the missionary priests who were soon working among the Sauk and Fox Indians, of Algonquian stock and language, along the interior river reaches. French conquest was consolidated through the work of such great figures as LaSalle, Marquette, Nicolet, Joliet and their associates, and the French held the entire area of what is now Wisconsin until 1761, when on the close of the Seven Years' War the British took possession of what had been a French fur-trading empire.

British rule of this area was of relatively short duration, yet it was marked by such incidents as the first journey of Jonathan Carver, who passed up the Fox River through the portage and down the Wisconsin River to the Mississippi and left a record of the exploit, the joining with the British by the Indians against the Americans during the Revolutionary War, and Julian Dubuque's exploration of the lead mines of the upper Mississippi valley.

Part of Northwest Territory

By the provisions of the Anglo-American peace treaties of 1783 and 1795 all the inhabitants of the Wisconsin region were placed under the protection of the government of the United States, although the British did not cede all rights until as late as 1796. However, the Northwest Territory had already been formed under the Ordinance of 1787 and Wisconsin's area was included in that Territory.

Out of the Northwest Territory, Congress erected first the Territory of Indiana (1800), followed by Michigan (1805), Illinois (1809), and finally Wisconsin in 1836. It had been successively part of all the others and at that date contained much western land which was shorn away later to create states west of the Mississippi. The incident of the War of 1812 placed the eastern portion of the state back in British hands at the taking of Mackinac in July of that year, but barring some Indian outbreaks and the struggle over Mackinac there was little trouble on Wisconsin soil. British forces evacuated their late post, at Prairie du Chien, in 1815.

Higher Education Barreled Along

For many years Middleton played an important role in higher education at the University of Wisconsin.

During the 1890's, when Madison was "dry," students used to walk out to Middleton, purchase a keg of beer, put it on the train and ride back with it to Madison, for fraternity and other parties.

Madison kept its principles, Middleton sold a lot of beer, and the students got plenty of exercise.

The first historical contact of large numbers of Americans with the area of the present Dane county was in 1832, when the Black Hawk War was on the wane. The Sauk chief and his forces retreated before the advancing Illinois volunteers up the Rock River Valley to the Four Lakes area. At the Battle of Wisconsin Heights the entire Indian force was decimated and destroyed in an action that left little honor to American arms.

Maneuvered Out of Capital

A few individual Americans had come to or through Dane county's boundaries prior to the Black Hawk War. Ebenezer Brigham settled at Blue Mounds in 1828, while James Duane Doty and associates visited the Four Lakes area and what is now the site of Madison between 1825 and 1828. The military road which was constructed from Green Bay to Prairie du Chien began to bring more and



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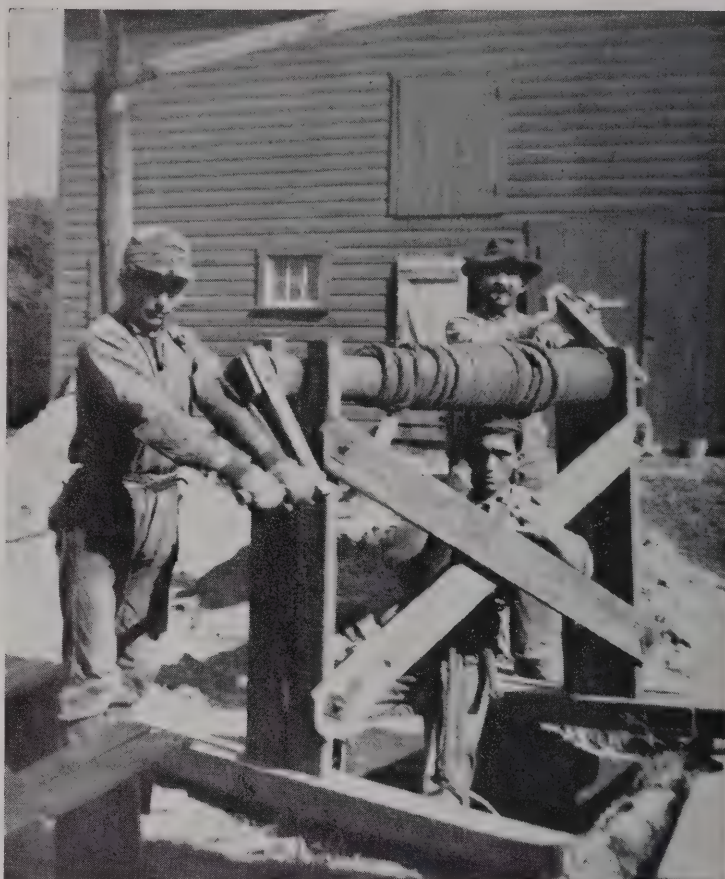
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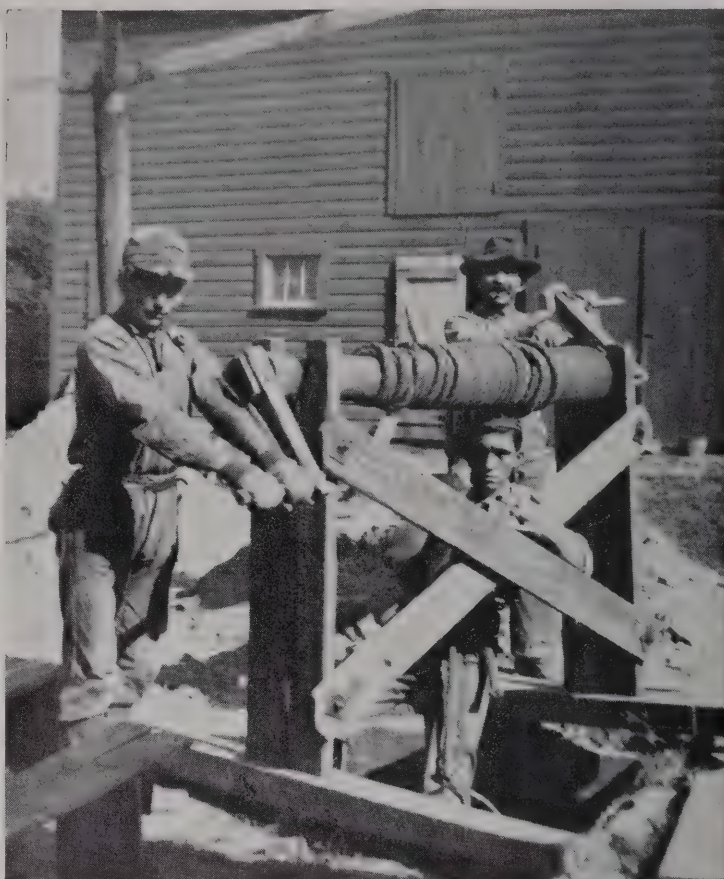
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Middleton became an incorporated village by request of its inhabitants in the year 1905. The federal census of that year shows the following occupations established in the village:

Retired farmers, businessmen & capitalists	38
Unspecified laborers	36
Students	30
Railway, telegraph & telephone workers	23
Carpenters, builders & woodworkers	22
Hotel, Restaurant & Boarding-house keepers	21
Clerks, Salesmen & saleswomen	17
Merchants, manufacturers & bankers	13
Tailors, dressmakers & milliners	13
Teachers	11
Farmers	9
Liquor dealers	8
Bakers, butterworkers, cheeseworkers, butchers	6
Blacksmiths and metalworkers	6
Servants and waiters	5
Agents & commercial travelers	3
Clergymen	3
Police, firemen & public officers	3
Agricultural laborers	2
Barbers & hairdressers	2
Nurses & midwives	2
Physicians & dentists	2
Lumbermen	1
Miscellaneous unspecified	12

To form a clearer picture of the state of economic life in the town and village of Middleton around the turn of the century, a compilation is presented below of the agricultural and industrial census tabulations for 1885, 1895 and 1905. It should be noted that some of the figures are not truly comparable, since, for example, women were not included in employment figures until 1905. But a general picture of the ups and downs of the economic life of the area is in these figures.

AGRICULTURAL CENSUSES

	1885	1895	1905 (town)	1905 (vill.)
Acres of farm land	18,532	16,755	16,832	522
Acres of wood land	4,095	3,325	—	—
Acres of unimproved land	98	2,497	4,050	596
Cash value of farm land ..	\$770,625	\$911,150	\$991,000	\$66,600
Cash value of farm implements	\$35,606	\$23,751	\$22,585	\$1,300
Employed	52 (men)	96 (men)	—	288
			(men-women)	
Wages, including board ..	\$11,165	\$26,910	\$56,945	\$2,335
Hogs on hand	5,890	6,095	1,364	—
Value	\$20,127	\$15,459	\$14,345	—
Hogs slaughtered	3,965	4,449	6,518	—
Value	\$40,347	\$45,488	\$55,770	—
Milch cattle	—	—	1,793	77
Value	—	—	\$38,378	\$1,975
Milk, gallons	—	—	38,725	3,678
Value	—	—	\$2,756	\$305
Fowls	—	—	15,210	4,250
Value	—	—	\$1,066	\$379
Eggs, dozen	—	—	125,600	8,515
Value	—	—	\$18,290	\$1,247
Cattle and calves on hand ..	2,267	2,483	3,065*	—
Value	\$47,071	\$37,065	\$50,200	—
Cattle, calves slaughtered ..	357	465	514	—
Value	\$11,141	\$11,009	\$13,750	—

	1885	1895	1905 (town)	1905 (vill.)
Sheep and lambs on hand ..	1,140	586	813	—
Value	\$3,790	\$1,476	\$3,189	—
Sheep, lambs slaughtered ..	537	358	649	—
Value	\$1,565	\$1,057	\$1,620	—
Horses and mules	733	795	747	68
Value	\$65,485	\$28,863	\$55,715	\$5,890
Apples, bushels	3,351	340	1,097	—
Value	\$1,674	\$180	\$512	—
Grapes, pounds	450	7,200	—	—
Value	\$31	\$240	—	—
Clover seed, bushels	82	61	—	—
Value	\$596	\$234	—	—
Hay, tons	2,953	3,822	4,005	285
Value	\$14,730	\$19,202	\$26,093	\$1,823
Timothy seed, bushels ..	72	30	—	—
Value	\$95	\$74	—	—
Maple molasses	6	—	—	—
Value	\$6	—	—	—
Honey, pounds	10,950	4,800	1,900	—
Value	\$1,097	\$394	\$180	—
Wheat (acres)	1,937	1,267	94	—
Wheat, bushels	34,928	26,901	1,296	—
Value	\$23,730	\$13,388	\$1,020	—
Corn (acres)	3,298	3,320	3,721	103
Corn, bushels	128,150	98,839	115,862	3,410
Value	\$43,893	\$39,496	\$44,700	\$1,537
Oats (acres)	2,666	4,894	118	—
Oats, bushels	82,892	193,615	4,850	—
Value	\$18,695	\$49,515	\$1,430	—
Barley (acres)	1,667	421	20	—
Barley, bushels	51,191	12,070	200	—
Value	\$24,306	\$5,404	\$90	—
Rye (acres)	384	128	—	—
Rye, bushels	3,975	2,353	—	—
Value	\$2,442	\$1,156	—	—
Buckwheat (acres)	19	2	—	—
Buckwheat, bushels	225	15	—	—
Value	\$151	\$9	—	—
Beans and peas (acres) ..	9	12	1	—
Beans and peas, bushels ..	288	240	11	—
Value	\$281	\$245	\$15	—
Tobacco, pounds	—	—	3,000	—
Value	—	—	\$225	—
Potatoes (acres)	169	206	166	—
Potatoes, bushels	12,440	12,285	24,350	—
Value	\$4,628	\$8,359	\$7,164	—
Bees (colonies)	124	109	—	—
Beeswax, pounds	47	30	—	—
Value	\$650	\$388	—	—
Berries (acres)	4	2	4	—
Berries, bushels	51	59	150	—
Value	\$208	\$160	\$400	—
Roots (acres)	25	—	—	—
Roots, bushels	2,030	—	—	—
Value	\$504	—	—	—
Wool, pounds	6,768	2,797	2,880	250
Value	\$1,069	\$346	\$519	\$50
Butter, pounds	43,860	177,590	34,505	2,779
Value	\$6,805	\$29,896	\$6,865	\$497

*Probably includes milch cattle as above.

CENSUS OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND VALUE DERIVED FROM MANUFACTURING

(Figures not reported for local areas in 1905 census)

	1885	1895
Real estate and machinery valuation	\$4,200	\$21,300
Stock & fixture valuation ..	\$1,000	—
Men employed	8	5
Wages paid	\$1,375	\$2,150
Wagons, carriages and sleighs made	20	7
Value	\$1,140	\$385
Leather articles made	—	360
Beer brewed, barrels	240	1,600
Value	\$840	\$4,800
Feed milled, barrels	—	8,000
Value	\$20,000	\$3,000
Iron articles made, value ..	\$610	—
Lead articles made, value ..	\$1,000	—
Wood articles made, value ..	\$500	—
Cigars & cigarettes made ..	22,200	—
Value	\$488	—



CENTENNIAL BEARDS—Like many another Wisconsin village celebrating 100 years, the men of Middleton turned valiantly to raising a crop of foliage on their chins, and pictured above are some of the results. In the front row, left to right, are Wayne Brumm, George Duschak, Wendell (Wimpy) Howells, Theo-

dore (Pete) Kahl, Victor Voelz, Harry Burmeister, and William Springman. In the second row are Wayne Becker, Ed Duckwitz, Clarence Dye, Elmer Theis, Clarence Zimmerman, H. Hokenstad, Merrill Walling, Franklin Stricker, and Edwin Tomlinson, general chairman of the centennial celebration. Standing are

Marvin Lehr, Robert Kleinsmith, Oswin Braun, F. A. Wagner, Virgil Klingaman (in front of Wagner), Delmar Steckelberg, Cy Mock, George Weber, Harvey Gudel, Amos Colby, Ed Hickman, Ernest Stricker, Donald Tiedeman, Bud Vosen, Willard Owens, Marlin Braun, LaVerne Lubcke, and LaVerne Hermans

Men's Suits \$3.50; Blankets 40 Cents

Advertisers in the Middleton Times-Herald for Jan. 6, 1899 included the following; as well as some pieces in the German language:

ADVERTISERS: William Morhoff—Coal and wood stoves and full line of tinware; Middleton Roller Mills, William Hoffman, proprietor—Flour, feed and graham, fine wines, liquors and cigars; Schulenberg's cash store—Patent medicines; Brunkow

and Muller — Pheasant Branch Brewery; Fritz Teckam — House and barn moving; Brumm & Brumm—Serpentine elastic stay for rubber shoes, prevents cracking at the sides near the sole; Dufrenne & Lyle—Winter footwear, clothing and overcoats at 20 percent discount, Men's Suits reduced to \$3.50 from \$6.00, Boy's suits reduced to 75c from \$2.00, Bed blankets reduced to 40c from 60c; Frank Durkopp—Undertaker and furniture dealer; Dr. E. E. Schuster—Dentist; Middleton Meat Market, John Dick, prop.—Beef, pork, sausage and fresh oysters; F. C. Beuthin —

manufacturers of wagons, buggies & sleighs; Everill, the printer; A. Bethge—dealer in boots & shoes, Repairing; Marquardt Bros., Middleton's new druggist.

GERMAN LANGUAGE: Die Mutter, noveltette aus dem Ungarischen; Die 'Mauserwinden'; Fortschritt in der Kriegstechnik; Die Geschichte der Bundesarmee; Neue Bahnen nach dem Stillen Ocean; Fur Unsere Farmer, Verschiedene Dungersorten, Zur Huhnerzucht; Des Lieutenants Bart, humoreske von Valeska Buchwald; Winter-Toilette.

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BIG FIRE OF 1900 RAZED 19 BUILDINGS

ON JUNE 19, 1900, Middleton residents valiantly and relentlessly battled a fire that threatened to completely gobble up their village. The horrible blaze got its start in W. Hoffman's mill and spread quickly. The following account from the Middleton Times-Herald of June 29, 1900, tells in fuller measure than we could today how the blaze was finally conquered by the brave bucket brigade.

"Middleton in Ashes"

Since our last issue what a change has come over our fair village: "loveliest village of the plains."

Tuesday night, June 19 will long be remembered by Middletonians. At about 6:30 p.m. on that date, W. Hoffman's mill ominously tooted the fatal toot, and there was a rush for the mill from all directions. Men and women, boys and girls trying to out-strip each other in their eagerness to get there first, some had chemical fire extinguishers and some buckets, but all had blanched eager faces, for they knew danger was ahead of them but at that time few realized the terrible strain they would have to undergo before the night was past and the desolation old Sol would reveal when he next showed his shining face. At once it was seen that the mill was doomed and all efforts were concentrated on the surrounding property, a great effort was made to save Weisenberg's Blacksmith Shop and some heroic work was done in that direction but all the heroism proved futile for large flames swept across the narrow space intervening between it and the mill and seemed to lick with erroneous fiery tongue the noble workers on the roof of the blacksmith shop, for awhile they toiled on, worked on heedless of the hellish embrace but onlookers yelled and screamed at them to flee from the roof and half fainting they reluctantly came down or were helped down, then the fiery monster fairly revelled in his delight at their discomfiture for he leaped in the air with terrible gusts and began to splutter his fiery tongues in all directions, some reaching out to John Dahlk's Blacksmith Shop across the street from Hoffman's mill where they finally communicated with the Coolidge property and eventually reached out



FIRE STARTED HERE—The great fire of June 19, 1900 which destroyed so much of Middleton got its start in these buildings. The fire broke out in the Hoffman roller mill, at right, and spread to Weisenberg's blacksmith shop, in the foreground. At the left is the old Coolidge house.

to the Durcopp property and across Parmenter street to the Drug store and printing offices which were demolished; in their course in that direction Mr. Green's shoe shop was taken also Mrs. Coolidge's barns, sheds and grainery; Mrs. Gertz house and F. Durcopp's furniture store, dwelling and barns and out-buildings the other tongue of flames soon reached the many barns and sheds of the north of W. Hoffman's property and north of Brum's store and then great effort was made to save the valuable property on the block but the barns and sheds were too close together and seemed to be just morsels that the fiery fiend delighted in for he gained fresh vigor and spluttered and spurted in his wild glee that he became satonic and soon had a firm hold and was gnawing at the vitals of Brum's store. Vertien's harness shop, Prien's saloon and dwelling and the substantial opera house and his appetite was not at all appeased even when he had gormanidized every vestige of his insatiable greed on that block for he reached out for the palatable juices of John Dick's butcher shop and took that, though it was across the street, and he protruded his blasted tongue so far that the panic stricken people for a moment stood aghast "but only for a moment" with a cry of horror when the opera house was being forced down the monster's throat redoubled their vigor and finally at Lyle's and the post

office they fought the monster till they finally drove him back saited to the full and he lay limp, a bloated disorganized mass, his remains hideous and disgusting as seen today.

At about 7 o'clock a call was made on the Madison fire brigade, they responded and arrived here about 8:13, the railroad company making the run from Madison in about 6 minutes. Unfortunately they did not bring hose long enough to reach down so they could pump from the big distillery well by Lyle's store, consequently their engine was useless as also were some of the men, though a few did heroic good work individually. Quite a few of them stood around rather discouraging than encouraging the noble local workers. There was also a gang of thieves came out from Madison and pillaged everything they could lay their unholy hands on.

There was wonderful, almost super-human work done to save Coolidge's house, Lyle's store, post office and La Fay's blacksmith shop, all of which were finally saved and consequently kept the flames from spreading further and licking up the balance of our village which they assuredly would have done had it not been for this noble bucket brigade. What a pity that Weisenburg's Blacksmith shop had not been 20 feet further west from Hoffman's mill, with steel siding and steel roof, one-tenth of the effort put forth that

night would have saved everything but the mill, but what a blessing that most of our fortunate citizens had their property well insured, for out of the ashes we understand that part of Middleton will soon assume a new garb that will put to shame the old even as it appeared before the fire.

When this is done or even before, let 20 or more of our vigorous young men organize a hook and ladder company with a small hand engine and plenty of ladders, 'long enough.' The people of Middleton need have no fears that such a disaster will ever occur again, for with such a company aided by the vigorous bucket brigade under some authorized head there would be system instead of demoralization, and to fight such a monster organized force must be used. The Fire Insurance adjustors settled all fire losses in an amiable satisfactory manner both for their companies and the insured.

The following is a report of the fire as given by the parties named:

Masonic order, loss \$16,000. Insurance \$,8000.

Mrs. K. Gerds, loss \$16,000. No insurance.

F. Hoffman, loss \$10,000. Insurance \$5,000.

John Dahlk, loss \$850.

John Dick, loss unknown. Insurance \$1,450.

Mrs. S. Schroeder, loss \$250. Insurance full.

W. Hoffman, loss \$8,000. Insurance \$2,100.

Chas. Wesenberg, loss \$1,200. No insurance.

Jac Black, insurance received \$129. Loss \$50.

Henry Green, shoemaker, loss \$200.

Henry Prien, Loss \$3,600. Insurance \$2,000.

F. Muetz, loss \$1,000. No insurance.

T. A. Everill, loss between \$2,300 to \$3,000. No insurance.

DuFreen Bros. & Co. loss plate glass \$254; common glass \$50; by water \$100. Machine shed and implements \$350. Goods stolen \$800. Total loss \$1,554.

Brumm & Brumm, loss \$17,000. Insurance \$11,000. Insurance \$6,000. Goods saved \$5,000.

Mr. Gerlach, loss \$600. No insurance.

The following is part of another column appearing in the Middleton Times-Herald:

A great crowd of Madison people visited the ruins of Middleton Sunday, com-(ing) out in all kinds of rigs and by train. The destruction in the burned district is complete, nothing being left but foundation walls, even the debris incident to fires, being consumed. The opera house, the largest of the destroyed buildings, is a complete wreck, and the tallest section of its standing walls is not six feet high. Already steps have been taken to rebuild on a larger scale than before, and much has been done. John Dahlk has a new blacksmith shop nearly completed on the ruins of his old one. Mr. Gruen has a building nearly up. The place Sunday looked like a boom frontier town. Brumm & Brumm were doing business in a machinery shed; Henry Prien had a large shed erected, in which he was dispensing lequors and cigars, while ten feet away, although five days after the conflagration, the opera house was still smoking. Fritz Muetz, another saloonkeeper, has opened up business under canvass. Frank Durkopp, one of the heaviest losers, will rebuild his two big stores immediately. He has subscribed \$45 towards getting a fire company. Dufreene Bros.

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BEFORE AND AFTER THE FIRE—
The building in the upper picture housed the print shop of E. T. Everill, who published the Middleton Times Herald in the upstairs rear portion. Frank Durkopp, who owned the building, stored mattresses and furniture for his store

at the front of the second floor. The lower part was Maul's dance hall until Durkopp moved and added to the building, and then it was used as Marquardt's drug store. The lower picture shows the same scene, after the disastrous fire of June 19, 1900, looking west



along University Avenue from Parmenter Street. To the rear of the picture was a pasture, and in the distance was a feed mill. In the left background are sheds which were back of Esser's saloon, where people who came to town for the day tied their horses.

& Co's splendid store is boarded up, waiting for a new glass front. The Times office, what there is left of it, occupies a little shed in Goosegut alley, off Hubbard street. Among losses not mentioned by the press, are nearly a dozen barns.

Carpenters are busy erecting John Dahlk's blacksmith shop which will soon be completed.

Work has begun on clearing away the ruins made by the fire and Chas. Wesenberg has his blacksmith shop up, H. Prien and F. Muetz each have a temporary place of business opposite the postoffice; F. Durkopp has a kitchen erected on his lot and has moved into the same. John Dick has commenced work and has some material on the ground.

H. Prien will build a solid brick structure 48 x 54 feet, two story. Brumm & Brumm a solid brick store and Verthein & Reiels will build a solid brick.

To our readers we wish to say that by kind aid of some of our friends we are able to send our paper into your homes hoping it will be welcome visitor and will be appreciated although not up to the former standard; however, we hope soon to make it as good as heretofore. The editor must have some assistance after such misfortune as to lose all he had in the business by fire and kindly asks one and all to render what aid they can afford.

... Others say that ye editor is

going to move to Waunakee, this is no so, he is not; but will remain in Middleton, and will continue to publish the Middleton Times-Herald and the Waunakee News.

(Thus ends the Middleton Times-Herald account of the great fire.)

"Willard Green hitched up a team of wild west horses Wednesday and took the Beau Ideal band to the Albrecht Wedding. They went soaring out of town in great shape and the natives expected to see some music as well as hearing it. After striking the schoolhouse hill, Willard got the team down to a civilized gait." —

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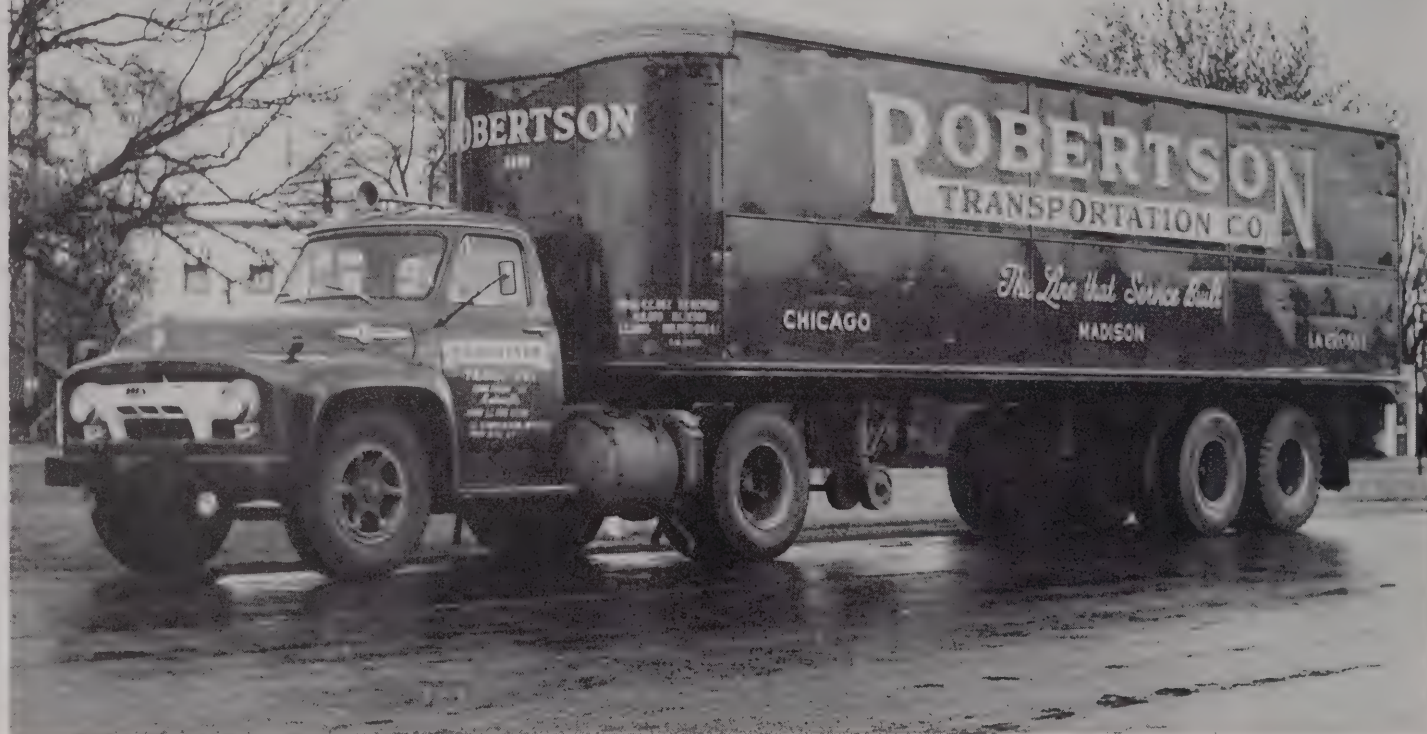
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WATZKE'S ORCHESTRA—Taken in 1901. August Watzke, clarinet; August Schroeder, violin; Edward Schroeder, trumpet; Wilbert Brumm, drums; George B. Pierstorff, harp. They played for many dances.

MASQUERADE BALLS and other dancing parties drew enthusiastic support in the years just before Middleton became an incorporated village. The local paper is full of stories of these social occasions. The years 1895 to 1905 saw board sidewalks laid down in many sections of town. Heavy snows blocked trains from Madison.

The newspaper offered readers a choice of German sections, or all English pages, for the same price. The burning of the State Capitol in 1904 caused much excitement, and one village official offered to donate 12 acres of land in Middleton for a new site, to settle the dispute on location between Madison and Milwaukee. Here are some of the details, drawn from the files of the Middleton Times-Herald:

1897

Feb. 19 — The masquerade ball given at Wm. Hoffman's hall was a grand success in every way. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity

over 300 tickets being sold and everything passed off pleasantly. The following places were represented by quite a number of their residents: Madison, Fitchburg, Springfield, and

the surrounding country. About 45 people were masked and the majority of the representatives were first class. Dr. A. A. Rowley, R. E. Davis and Wm. Pierstorff were the judges for the distribution of prizes which were given as follows: 1st, dresser, Horseman, T. T. Blakely; 2nd, rocker, Spies of Kanin, Mary and Anna Wolff, and Albert Hoffman; 3rd, lamp, Japanese Artist, Freda Kruse; 5th, arm chair, William Tell, Fritz and William Steckleberg; 6th, rug, Prince David, John Schott; 7th, chamber set, Chinese Laundry, Chas. Weisenberg and Louis Russ; 8th, easel, Ophelia, Annie Steckleberg; 9th, water set, Skirt Dancers, Christiana Dederich, Anna Taft, Mary Showers and Anna Cooper; 10th, basket, Monkey, Clarence Rowe.

Supper was served to 228 persons. Watzke's orchestra furnished excellent music for the occasion.

March 5—Johnny Hoffman, son of F. L. Hoffman, took the 11th prize at the masquerade ball given by the Governor's Guard at the Turner hall in the city of Madison on the evening of the 1st inst. He represented the "Little Flower Boy." He is between six and seven years of age and took a prize last year in the hall belonging to Wm. Hoffman of this place for the same character. The costume he wore was a very fine one and great pains were taken in its construction, which caused a great many to speak of him.

March 5—The private masquerade given by the young people of Middleton last Monday evening at the opera house was a grand success. Dancing began at about eight o'clock and then the different cos-

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Mar. 27—Wm. Hoffman has rented his entire Opera House, including the saloon and barn to Fritz Muetz of Pheasant Branch for the sum of 1,000 dollars per year.

April 23—The village was startled on Sunday afternoon by the appearance of a cow with a small barrel tied to her tail madly rushing through the streets and performing all the tricks of the traditional lambkin. Mr. F. DuFrenne, seeing the barrel in great danger, determined upon its rescue, and secure in the belief that the particular Providence that is sup-

posed to be around on such occasions, would defend the right, he nobly advanced. The cow, taken upon the left flank, surrendered after a brief struggle and the barrel removed to a place of safety.

April 23—A successful Easter ball was given at Matt LaCrosse's hall on Monday evening. The hall was comfortably filled and a good time was had, everything going off in a smooth and easy manner. The Watzke orchestra furnished the music for the occasion. August Watzke, clarinet, director; August Schroeder, violin; Eddie Schroeder, cornet; Wilbert Brumm, drums; and George Pierstorff, harp.

Aug. 27 — Brumm & Brumm and Henry F. Prien have had stone gutters laid in front of their places of business, which is quite an improvement. We trust that all property owners in this village will follow the example set by these gentlemen. That will encourage the pathmaster to see to it that the streets are properly graded, which will promote the welfare of the place in general.



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1898

Feb. 4 — The freight train which came in from Madison about 9 o'clock in the morning got into trouble in the deep cuts near the brick yard Wednesday morning. The train came bowling along with two engines in front and one pushing behind, when they ran into the deep snow drifts and could go no further. The momentum caused the engine on the hind end to telescope the caboose. The passenger train from the west could not get through, so it backed to this place and picked up a score of men with shovels and carried them to the scene. When after a half day's hard work the engines were dug out and traffic resumed.

Feb. 4—Harland's Dramatic Company has been at the Middleton Opera House all this week and giving our citizens a good show every night.

Feb. 18 — Hoffman's Masquerade —The following prizes were given at the masquerade held on Feb. 15: 1st, Indian princess—A Shott; 2nd, Hobo band — Middleton boys; 3rd, Dancing girls — Hate Lefebre and Gertie D'Way; 4th, Frederick Babarossa — Louis Shott; 5th, Jeanne d'Arc — Adolph Schroeder; 6th, Eskimo — Geo. Bush; 7th, Corn Huskers—Minnie Blumenthal and Minnie Pick; 8th, Fairy—Bertha Herring; 9th, Sleighing in Germany—Carrie and Irene Lubcke; 10th—Hoffman's best — Professor Blakely. Judges were A. A. Rowley, R. E. Davis, W. F. Pierstorff. It was said that the assembly was the largest ever gathered in the hall.

Feb. 25—Henry Bush has had a new well drilled which was completed Saturday. It is 207 feet deep and contains 156 feet of water.

Feb. 25 — The storm of Saturday



ICE CREAM PARLOR—You could get lots of free soda crackers (the long kind) and ice cream for a nickle at the soda fountain, at the left in Joe Breitenbach's store. The net curtains at the rear screened off the ice cream parlor. At the right are Mr. and Mrs. Breitenbach. The clerk, at left, was Selma Reils Van Hatten.

and Sunday piled up large banks of snow, . . . About 18 or 20 inches of snow fell. Monday morning all freight trains were abandoned. The passenger train from the west had two engines, but was on time.

Mar. 3 — Henry Jungbluth, who lives up in the woods 100 miles from here, and who, with his wife, has been visiting friends here, has gone back home. He makes the trip by sled. His brother John of this place, goes back with him for a visit.

Mar. 18—Our young men assembled between the barbershop and the Green warehouse, Thursday, and indulged in their first game of quoits for this season.

Mar. 25 — A great improvement has been made in the eastern end of the village. A fine new (board) sidewalk has been built from and

including Mr. Batt's land away up to Schneider's house at the end of Hubbard street. Residents of that end of town are highly elated as heretofore they have been unable to get downtown in rainy weather.

April 1—Matt Lacrosse will give an Easter and farewell ball in his hall.

April 22—Matt Lacrosse will have a new hall erected in the near future.

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April 22—F. Durkopp expects soon to commence work on the new store he is going to build on the land he purchased from Matt Lacrosse. It will be a modern structure and a credit to the town.

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posed to be around on such occasions, would defend the right, he nobly advanced. The cow, taken upon the left flank, surrendered after a brief struggle and the barrel removed to a place of safety.

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1898

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Feb. 25 — The storm of Saturday



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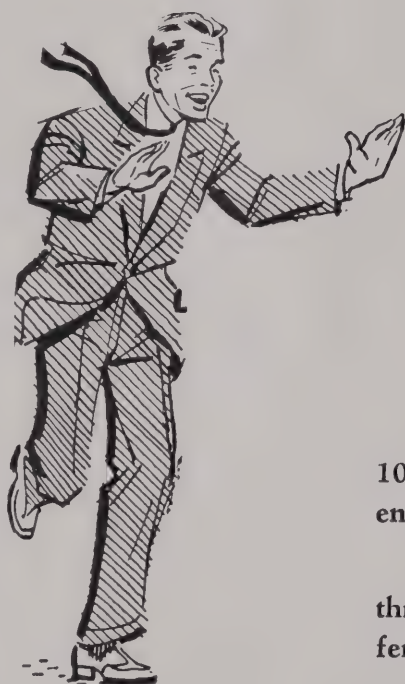
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EARLY DOCTORS TREATED HUMANS, HORSES



EARLY SETTLER—Mary Rowley and Dr. A. Gilbert Rowley are shown in Middleton Junction cemetery with their grandfather, Jesse Wheelwright, who owned a house near the condensery, and lived to age 97.

By JESSICA ROWLEY

A TOWN WAS BORN! The last spike of the Prairie du Chien Railroad had been driven and Middleton Depot came into being. Newman C. Rowley contemplated it would be a good place to hang out his sign, **"Surgeon & Horse Doctor, Enter Here."** He had been located at Verona Corners and Middleton Junction as early as 1850, the points of settlement at that time because of their location on the stagecoach routes. The Depot held promise—business and people were gravitating toward this new center. Yes, he, too, would move to this busy hub.

His sign would appear ludicrous today, but at that time, with a scarcity of draft animals, the horse was a necessity. Further evidence of the fact that the health of horses ranked with that of their masters is revealed by a line from Dr. Newman Rowley's diary dated 1860: **"Farmers so often call me out to look after their livestock, and when I arrive I find that it is their wives and children who really are the sickest. This perplexes me much."**

The doctor had earned his title of doctor of medicine the hard way. It had taken him ten years to get his final diploma, starting out as a teacher and alternately teaching reading, writing, arithmetic, philosophy and geography and attending school at Granville, Ohio, and LaPorte, Ind. His further study at the Cincinnati College of Physicians & Surgeons, and his apprenticeship to a Dr. Evans at Janesville, Wis., during the summer months, finally won him his

medical diploma from that college in 1849. Simultaneous with the procurement of his education, he had married and succeeded in raising seven children; the oldest of which was Antinous A. Rowley, born in Ohio in 1841, and who later was the son to propagate the line of Rowley doctors in the Village of Middleton.

In May 1864, we find Dr. Newman C. Rowley located at Middleton Depot; his medical day book of that date indicating engagement in a lively practice there. His drugstore, located in a building at the site of the present Middleton Fair Store, was in full swing by 1869 and comprised the ground floor, with medical offices upstairs. On either side of the door was a long, narrow window; one labeled, "Paints, Oil, Glass, Putty," and the other, "Drugs, Tea, Coffee, Spices." Ceiling-high, dark-stained wooden shelves with white porcelain knobbed drawers at the bottom stood

on either side of the store with matching counters in front of them. Glass-top bottles with elaborate labels lined the shelves containing medicines, spices, etc.; old type containers held grocery supplies — making up what could be considered a general store.

While Dr. Newman Rowley was engaged in his new venture, his son Antinous A. Rowley, after serving as a volunteer private in the Civil War, completed his study of medicine at Rush Medical College, Chicago, receiving his doctor's degree in 1867. He had married the former Olivia Wheelwright who had studied art at the University of Wisconsin for three years and was, at the time of her marriage, a teacher at Middleton Junction. Dr. Antinous A. Rowley practiced at Springfield, Wis., for a short time; but about 1868 moved to Middleton Depot to take up partnership with his father in his practice and management of the drugstore. The drugstore then carried the name, "Rowley & Son," until the death of the elder doctor in 1871. The younger doctor continued to operate the store until 1885.

At the time of the Rowley & Son partnership, it was necessary to have one or two apprentices working with them. Dr. Antinous A. Rowley had at least six apprentices during his years of medical practice. An apprentice received his board, room and training under the doctor, in return for which, he took care of the horses, drove the doctor out at night or at least hitched the team or saddled the horse. The apprentice studied anatomy of the bones, therapeutics, and materia medica and filled prescriptions for horses and man. Actually, the apprentice operated the drugstore while the busy doctors went out on their circuit. In other words, he was the "all-around handyman" whose only compensation was the 25 or 30 cents he managed to pocket for every tooth he pulled.

The mode of travel in these early times over the rutted dirt roads was, of course, by horseback. Saddle bags attached to the saddle carried the necessary medical instruments and bandages, and the obstetrical bag was of leather with a long strap slung over the shoulder. Later when the roads were improved, two horses were driven by day; but night calls



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continued to be made by horseback. The territory covered went as far as Mazomanie, Mt. Horeb, and Paoli; and two circuits a day were traveled, one north and one south. When the doctor made his circuit, it was specifically marked out; and in case of an emergency, he could be met coming back on his circuit.

Writing of these times, Dr. Newman Rowley says:

"It has been snowing 5 days. A weary and storm-beaten farmer has just stumbled into my office. He has been riding for 56 hours in search of a doctor. His 10-year-old daughter is failing fast. She seems to be afflicted with that awful malady, diph-

theria, the fourth case of this kind within a fortnight. The case is hopeless, as we will have to break a trail. But I will go. I will go to the Meyer farm, on the north end of the circuit—"

In the face of such hardship the doctor packed his few medicines and instruments into his saddle bags and set out.

While en route, he was overtaken by another frantic farmer whose wife was about to give birth to a child. Torn between the desire to aid in bringing new life into the world, and the almost helpless battle to save another, the doctor outlined the predicament to the father of the stricken girl, who, with tears in his eyes,

turned and rode homeward alone.

Many strange practices existed, or at least they seem strange to us today, such as the performance of post-mortems at six o'clock in the morning, perhaps to avoid window peekers. The dreaded disease of diphtheria which wiped out whole families, was looked upon with such fear that the deceased was buried at dusk with the minister and doctor in attendance at the grave while the rest of the people, if there were any at all, stood outside of the cemetery fence. No announcement was made of the funeral services of a diphtheria victim.

Somewhere along Middleton Creek between Middleton and Pheasant Branch, hidden under brush and trees, are the remains of what was once the "Pest House." The Pest House, erected by Drs. N. C. and A. A. Rowley, was used for the quarantine of smallpox cases. The first cases to contract the disease were cared for by hired help who at one time had the disease, and then later, the convalescing patients cooked the meals and nursed the new cases and the hired help was dismissed. Before going back to the community, the hired man's clothes were burned and new clothing furnished to him. This method of quarantine seemed to be the most effective way of handling this contagion.

The first set of lectures on anatomy and the first anatomical demonstration to be given at Madison was sponsored by Dr. Newman Rowley. The anatomical lecturer was Dr. Chapman of the Cincinnati College of Physicians and Surgeons, a teacher of N. C. Rowley while at Cincinnati College, who came from Cincinnati to give an anatomical demonstration on cadavers shipped from Chicago. The success of the demon-

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DU FRENNE STORE—Interior of dry goods store in early 1900's. Fred DuFrenne behind the counter. Hat counter is in center of picture.

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Middleton Depot was a growing railroad town and the construction of new homes, places of business, and public buildings was under way to provide for the influx of new inhabitants. Dr. Newman C. Rowley built a new home of yellow clay brick at a total cost of \$800; the house still stands at 2412 Hubbard Avenue. After the death of N. C. Rowley, Dr. Antinous A. Rowley moved into the house and, about 1885, built a new office building adjacent to it.

The need for houses of worship was realized and the construction of the first two churches in Middleton, which were of Protestant denomination and which the Rowleys were instrumental in building, was accomplished. Dr. A. A. Rowley collected money to be used for the construction of the Presbyterian Church erected on the site of the present St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Elder Whoyt was the first and last English-speaking Presbyterian minister. The second church was begun by the Baptists and later the Methodists helped to

complete it. The church was called the "Union Church" because of the union of Baptists and Methodists. Erection of the church was backed by A. B. Kingsley, owner of the first lumber yard in Middleton; Richard Green, grain dealer; the Rowleys; John Bush and other Baptists and Methodists. Moses Rowley, a great uncle to the late Dr. A. Gilbert Rowley, was the blind Baptist preacher who occupied the pulpit in the first stages of the church's existence. Drs. N. C. and A. A. Rowley participated in founding Middleton Masonic Lodge No. 180, the latter serving as secretary in 1896.

The Rowley family were witnesses to the development of Middleton from a depot to a village, covering a period of 100 years. The late Dr. A. Gilbert Rowley had as his first recollections of Middleton at about the year 1882, a hustling village with wheat deliveries on the wane and hog deliveries on the increase. A flour mill was still in operation and an adjacent distillery was closed down. Mr. A. B. Kingsley's lumber yard and planing mill were running at full capacity. Old peat racks could

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Such was the little town in which the third generation of Rowley doctors grew up. Antinous Gilbert Rowley, youngest son of Dr. Antinous A. Rowley, was born in Middleton April 1, 1875. He was a graduate of Mid-

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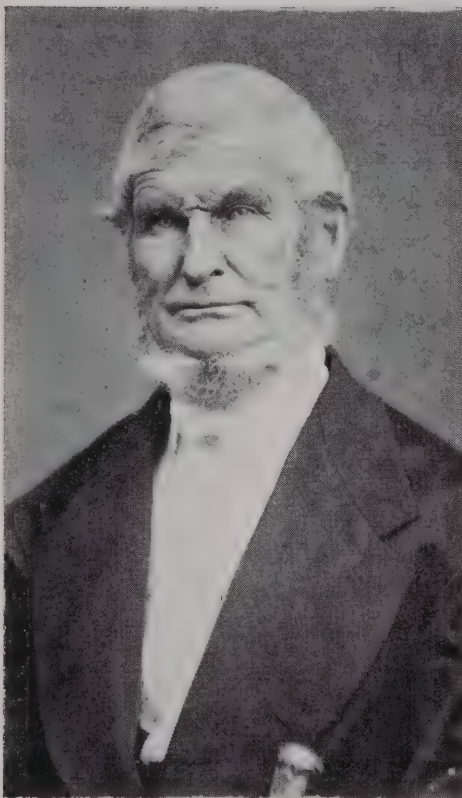
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Dr. Rowley's practice took him to Verona, Madison, Cross Plains, Pine Bluff, Black Earth and Springfield. He lived through the difficulties of travel of the country doctor, excepting the saddlebags and circuit riding era. At the arrival of the automobile as a practical method of transportation, the roads were first open in winter to a limited extent for automobile use, necessitating the completion of a trip into the country on improvised snowshoes made out of barrel staves. Dr. Rowley was owner of one of the first cars in Middleton—a 1905 Franklin—which he disassembled and stored in his office for the winter.

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And so the Rowley doctors played their important role along with many others in the development of our village throughout the century. Each doctor in his career saw the advancement of medicine in his particular era. This is the story of the "horse and buggy doctor" to the modern world of clinical and specialized medicine. The Rowley doctors, it seemed, had one code, no side issues of any other business ever interfered: They adhered strictly to the ethical practice of medicine.



HORSE TRADERS—Operating in the dirt road of Parmenter Street, horse traders are shown at work 50 years ago. One of the men in the wagon is John Esser, whose saloon was the building at the left.

Farmer With Big Nose Wins

A farmer with a large nose or a bushel of buckwheat could win a prize back in 1899. Here's a notice from the Middleton Times-Herald for Feb. 10, 1899:

"Next is the Middleton Farmer's Institute, Feb. 23-24th. The best talent in this vicinity will take part with music, recitations, etc. Everything will be done that can be to make this institute a success. Prizes will be given to

Farmers, Tallest man, man with the largest family, and man with the largest nose. Every farmer is requested to bring one bushel sample of wheat, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, potatoes, carrots, turnips, etc., prizes will be given for these also. This will be the best exhibition of produce ever shown in Middleton. Three of the best known and most respected men in this vicinity will act as judges. Watch for further announcements — Committee."

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THAT WONDERFUL TEAM OF 1899



FAMOUS FOOTBALLERS—This is the famous Middleton football team which licked everything in sight in 1899. The picture was taken in 1900, but the members of the team were substantially the same. Left to right in the front row are George Pierstorff, Willard Green, Sr., Wirt Williams, and Principal T. T. Blakely. In the back row are Dr. Schuster, Middleton dentist who carried a cane; William Pierstorff, Jr., Albert Hoffman, William Morhoff, Charles Erdman, Robert Lefebvre, Jacob Stricker, Sr., and Rudolph Westphal.

Review of the Football Games Played by the Middleton Football Team
During the Season Closed on Thanksgiving Day
(From the Middleton Times-Herald, Dec. 8, 1899)

The season opened on Oct. 21st with Black Earth. This being the first game for both sides and early in the season, 15-minute halves were played. The score being 23 to 0, in favor of Middleton. The score consisted of three touchdowns and goals, and one place kick. The next team to meet defeat was Madison High School 2nd Eleven on Oct. 28. The Middleton boys easily won in 20-minute halves by a score of 39 to 0. Last year the score was 22 to 0 against the same team.

Next team to meet defeat was the Oregon, Middleton's old-time enemy, on Nov. 4th. This game was fierce throughout and showed by the score that Middleton outplayed them both at line plunges and kicking. Oregon showed up poor in handling punts, as two of Middleton's touchdowns were made by their fumbling of punts. The score consisted of four touchdowns and one free kick for a total of 28 to 0 points. At no stage of the game was Middleton's goal in danger. It was the first time the Athletics of Oregon had ever met defeat at the hands of the "Little German Boys" from Middleton, and it will be remembered by the boys as revenge for those games gone by in which Oregon always won; but her crown of "always won" was at last lowered and placed upon the heads of the warriors of Middleton, as they had at last triumphed justly over the champions. Middleton then took a rest until the 18th day of November, when they traveled overland to

DeForest, and ran up against the beef of one thousand eight hundred pounds or more. After struggling through two twenty-five minute halves, and playing against the crowd, Middleton again came out of the battle with sixteen points to DeForest's 0. Middleton again scored two touchdowns and one free kick. It will be a game long to be remembered, as it was the first time Middleton had met a team so much heavier than they were. On Nov. 25th Middleton defeated Arena, at crown of "always won" was at last and a place-kick. Arena outweighed our boys by 400 pounds. Middleton's center, Charles Erdman, buckled into his 230-lb. man as if he were a boy of 75 lbs. When the game was over, our boys found that they had been crippled up a good deal and felt the effects of the Arena heavy-weights, and this was not all gone when Thanksgiving came. The Sun Prairie team was to have been here on that day to meet defeat, but pulled out and canceled the game; they were afraid of the long punts, place-kicking and the splendid playing of the Middleton lads, so the Athletics from Madison were substituted and proved an easy thing for Middleton, who scored 54 to 0. Middleton not having lost a game and scored 177 points to their opponent's 0,



RECREATION SPOT—Frank's Park, on the site of the present Top Hat Restaurant at the east end of Middleton, was a popular entertainment spot 50 years ago. Well-known dance bands played at the pavilion, and refreshments and lunch could be obtained at the stands. Later it was known as Coconut Grove.



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The Busch family became well-to-do even by 1860, when the census shows that Abraham and Nancy were worth \$3,050, a large sum for those times. By some time in the late '60's or early '70's the old urge to emigrate struck the family again — for our pioneer forefathers the grass quite frequently was greener on the other side of the fence — and several of the children went to far-off California. By that time the log house had been abandoned and a new brick house was the family home, and it was perhaps due to the death of Nancy between 1860 and 1870 that the new home was left by several of its inhabitants. However, Abraham, John W., Joshua B. and Eliza remained to celebrate the marriage of their sister and daughter Amanda to Richard Green, a well-to-do Middleton merchant.

Cyclist Ran Into Misfortune

Editors a half-century ago did not hesitate to make salty comments on the exploits or misfortunes of their fellow citizens. Here is how the scrivener of May 26, 1899 set forth the difficulties of a townsman:

"W. J. Schneider started for Madison Sunday afternoon as happy as a lark on his bicycle, but as we observed his return on foot at an early hour of the day with the hind wheel a complete wreck we are inclined to think that he missed the opportunity of meeting his best girl."

Sometime before 1880 the final break-up of the Bush family took place. Joshua and Eliza went to California and John went to Clearwater, Minn., where he operated a store. Only Abraham and Solomon, the two old friends, remained in Middleton. Abraham went to live with his daughter Amanda and her husband since by 1880 he had become too feeble to care for himself, and Solomon built himself a small three-room cottage on a 30-foot lot that John had bought for him. The lot and cottage stood exactly where St. Bernard's parochial school is now located. Both John and Joshua sent Solomon money from time to time, but the old



HUBBARD STREET—This view east on Hubbard Street, taken about 1910, shows at right the old wooden St. Luke's Church, before the present brick structure was built.

man had an occasional piece of work from John W. Green at his grain elevator. He is remembered as not a hard but a steady worker, and of great physical strength even at his advanced age. He had a little garden on the property where he lived and he is remembered to have been a "great one to visit", much enjoying sitting within the cool cavern of the Niebuhr Harness Shop on Parmenter street where he could see people coming and going and talk to other older residents of the town who came to the same "club room." He was greatly interested in politics and had been a staunch Republican ever since the great Emancipation Day which had brought his own freedom to all his fellow Negroes.

Solomon never married. He gave his life to the Bush family as they had given him his freedom and his hope. He did manage to amass a little money, for the deeds to the Ziegler property show that he participated in a one-thousand dollar mortgage against the land between 1868 and 1873. He is remembered in Middleton as a real gentleman of the old school, careful never to hurt the feelings of others and as long as he lived the soul of goodness and generosity to all, especially to the youngsters — many of whom, now themselves along in years, can clearly recall his kind face and good counsel.

Solomon Freeman died on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 1900, a few weeks after the great fire of Middleton. Dr. C. F. Allen, who attended him, recalls that it was enteritis that caused his death and that he was ill but a few days. The neighbors were called to Solomon's bedside and cared for him, but an hour before midnight he died, peacefully and quietly as he had lived. John Bush returned to take care of the details

of the funeral and the property disposition and to mourn his old friend. The funeral was held from the Union Church and Solomon was buried on the Bush family lot in the cemetery at Middleton Junction. The grave is still unmarked, but it lies next to the roadway on the north side of the cemetery. Master and former slave rest together.

The **Middleton Times-Herald** eulogized Solomon thus:

"A befitting and triumphant end for so good a Christian. Farewell, thou good old soul. Thou hast added sunshine and given hope to many, in the past fifty years, and the dear children of today will keep thy kindly face stamped on their memories for fifty years to come." And so it has been.

It is well to recall this story out of Middleton's past. Solomon was respected and beloved by all with whom he came in contact and his Christianity shone out in him so strongly that he was welcomed everywhere. There is a lesson here for us that loyalty and love are human things, untouched by outward appearances and unforceable. Perhaps from his unmarked grave Solomon Freeman can still teach us that in our common humanity and brotherhood under God is the real solution of one of the greatest problems of our times.

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MILITARY FUNERAL—Members of the 176th Wisconsin State Guard reserves are shown lined up on Parmenter Street near University Avenue for the funeral of George Van Norman.

CHICKEN DINNERS, PROHIBITION

THE DECADE from 1916 to 1925 found Middleton busy with social events, like a chicken dinner for 25 cents, listening to grade school debates on whether women should have the right to vote (the audience decided overwhelmingly that they shouldn't), and ruminating over the arrival of prohibition, which did not immediately bring the millennium. Here are some of the items, from the files of the Middleton Times-Herald:

1916

March 31—The Bond Issue—Reported that the village indebtedness is now \$40,000. They should know better. It does not exceed \$13,000 of which the water works carry \$6,000.

Patrons donated 10c each to the National Creamery Butter Makers Association.

The Bond Issue — Some make claim that they would be willing to spend \$5,000 or \$6,000 only for the erection of building for village purposes.

June 30—7 carloads of stone, 5 of condensed milk and one each of stock and feed were shipped from Middleton during the past week. Two each of coal and empty cans received.

Farmers are busy with their corn, haying, etc., and do not spend much time in village.

For Rent — Vacuum cleaner with full attachments.

Local firemen of Middleton Co. No. 1 attended tournament of State Firemen's Association at Juneau.

Sept. 22—"Make reservations for your winter storage, as we have only

a few stalls left. Heated for \$5.00 per month.—Pierstorff Garage."

1916 Social Events—Sleigh rides, Barn dances, Box socials, Walking to Middleton from Madison on Sundays of University of Wisconsin co-eds, Chicken Dinner 25c—English Lutheran Church, Necktie Social, Fine sleighing all winter long, Cinch and 500 card parties, Coon hunting, Dances, Medicine show, Gentleman's Evening, annual event by Woman's Club, Church Suppers, Basket socials.

1917

March 16 — Bus unable to make the usual trips to Madison — icy roads.

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April 6—The vote on the \$10,000 bond issue for new village hall won by 91-62.

Village and town elections — Tie vote for the office of village president between W. F. Pierstorff, who filled this office ever since the village was incorporated in 1905, and Fred Zarndt. Mr. Pierstorff, who was also chairman of the county board, was defeated for supervisor by Willard S. Green by one vote. On a recount it was found Pierstorff was defeated by 2 votes by Zarndt and by one vote by Green for supervisor.

May 18—The patrons of the local condensery are delivering 80,000 pounds of milk daily.



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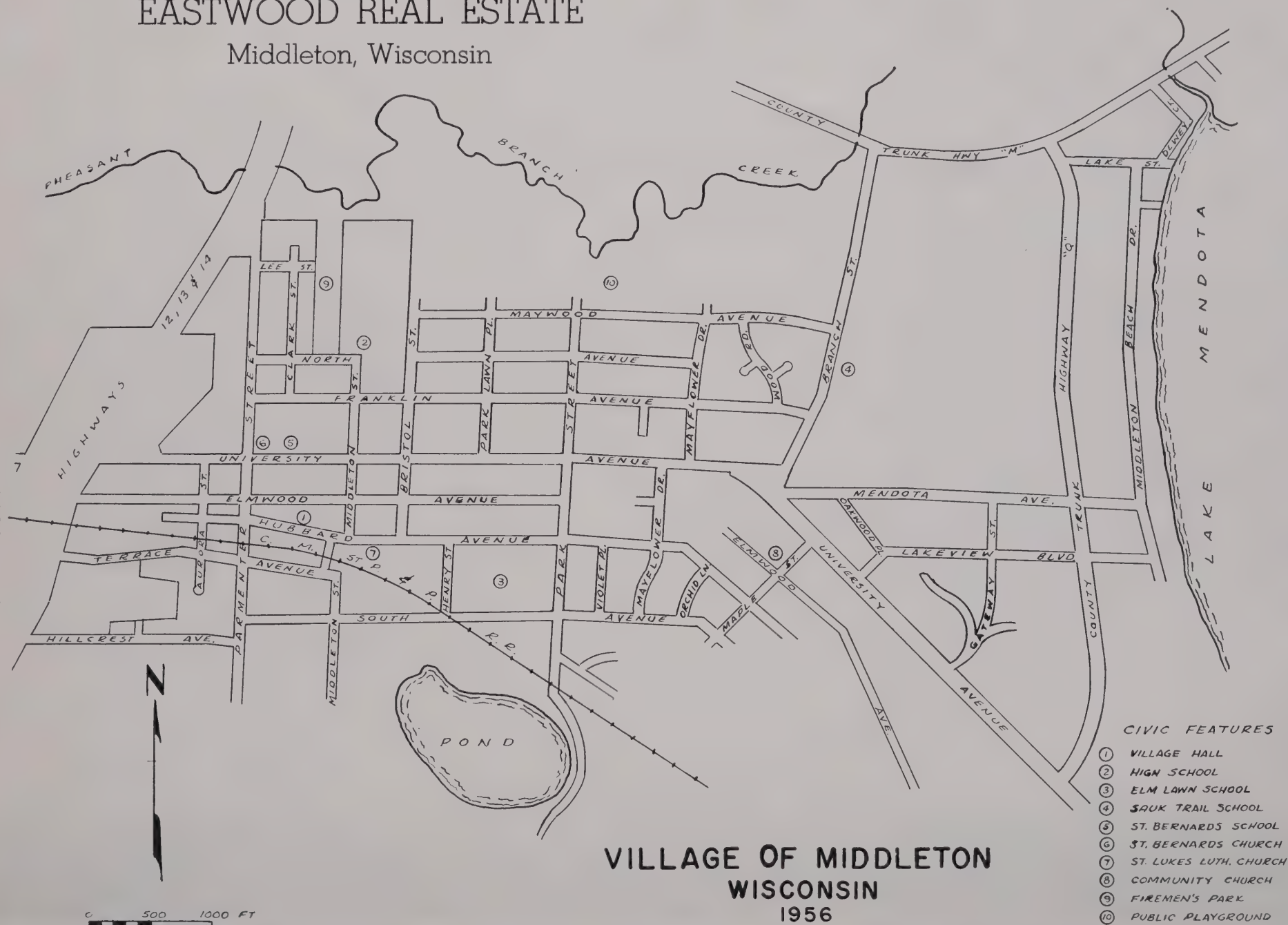
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SPEED LIMIT - 6 MILES

MIDDLETON has kept pace with progress—or almost—a check of ordinances on file in the village hall discloses. Back in 1905 it was six miles an hour for bicycles, mules, horses, and automobiles. This was boosted to 15 miles per hour in 1921. The village hired a "speed cop" in 1925 who got half of all fines collected. Here are some of the ordinance provisions down through the years:

When the village was first incorporated March 7, 1905, the board promptly set limits April 14 to those who would disturb public peace and quiet, ordered saloons closed during certain hours, and declared that horses and mules should not be kept tied an unreasonable time, set at more than four hours. Citizens were forbidden to permit ice and snow to remain on sidewalks, circuses and theatrical and musical entertainments were licensed, as were transient merchants, and riding of "bicycles, wagons, sleighs, sleds or other contrivances" on sidewalks

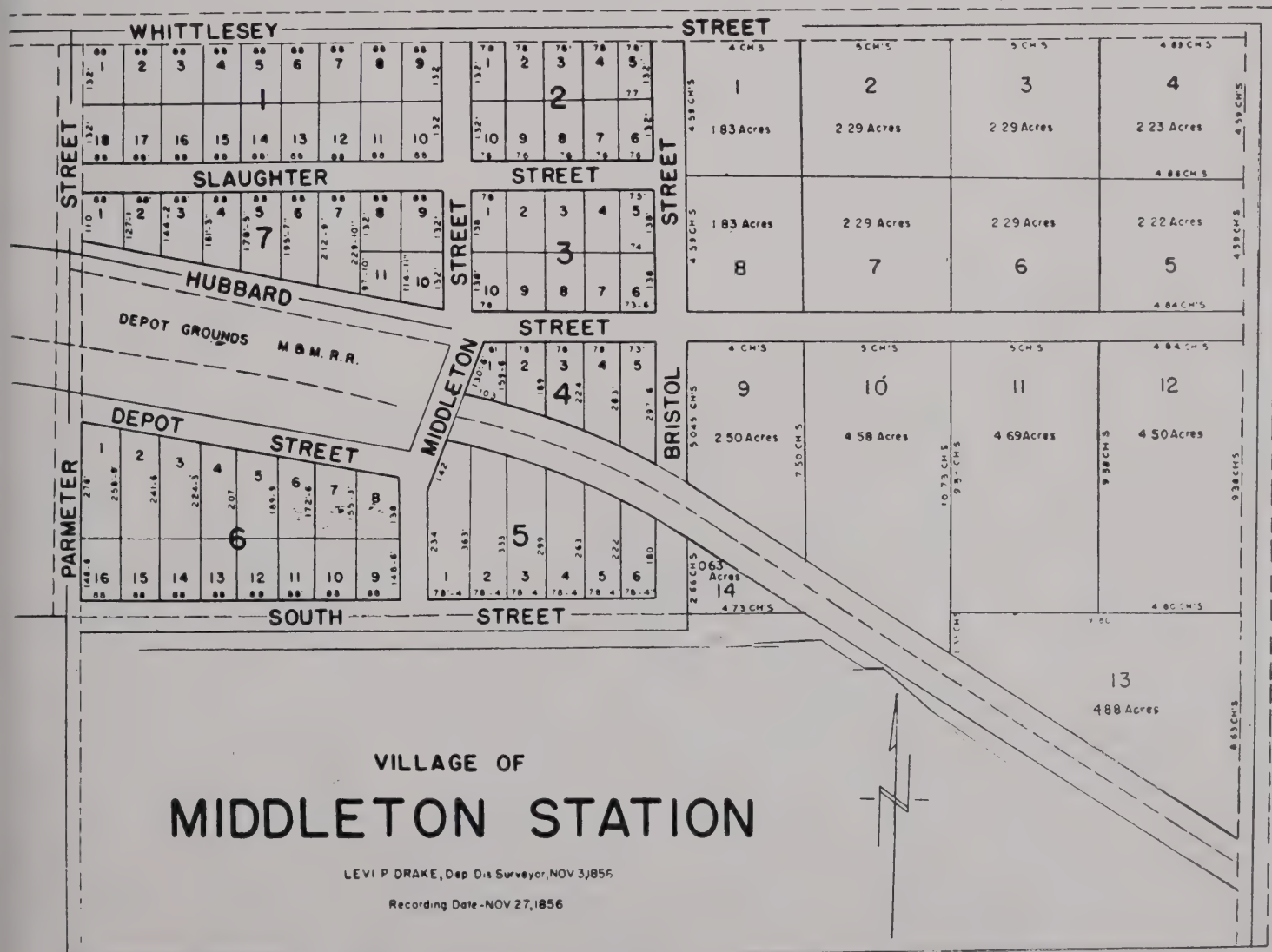
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By May 1, 1905, the village felt "speeding of horses, mules, automobiles, bicycles, motors," etc., should be limited to six miles an hour. Automobiles must slow down when passing horses, mules and teams.

Curfew regulations for children came in during the same spring, and the time for retiring to home was set at 8 p.m., unless accompanied by parent or guardian. The village marshal rang a bell to note the curfew. Child violators were to be taken to



LOUIS WATZKE—Clerk of the village for many years and bank vice-president. He was a cripple. The Public Service Commission lovingly nicknamed him "Village of Middleton."



FIRST MIDDLETON PLAT—This is the first plat of Middleton, then called Middleton Station, surveyed Nov. 3, 1856 and recorded Nov. 27, 1856. Whittlesey Street is now University Avenue. The surveyor was Levi P. Drake, deputy district surveyor. This copy of the original drawing was furnished through courtesy of Miles Riley Jr., Dane County register of deeds.

the village jail, and appear before the police justice, where they faced fines of a dollar to \$5.

On May 2, 1910, the village fathers boosted the speed limit to 12 miles an hour, and if the violator couldn't pay the fine, his jail term was not to exceed 60 days. Discharging firearms inside the village limits was prohibited, a water works was established, and song birds and squirrels were protected. Pool tables were licensed in the same year, and dance halls were controlled by ordinance.

Onlookers were forbidden to hinder firemen, under penalty of a \$5 to \$25 fine, under an ordinance passed Feb. 7, 1921. In the same year, persons exposed to smallpox were prohibited from attending school or any public gathering for 14 days.

By 1923 the speed limit was raised to 15 miles per hour, open mufflers could draw a \$25 fine, and vehicles were supposed to be parked with the right wheel at the curb.

Fred Melcher was named "speed cop" on May 4, 1925, on a 50 per cent commission basis.

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CARD GAME—Village hall card games found spectators just as interested as participants. Left to right here around the table are Valentine Kalscheur, Charles Durkopp, his brother Frank Durkopp, Ernest Meng, Charles Goth, William Borchert. The picture was taken in 1942.

scene language in a public place, drunkenness or disorderly conduct, wilfully interrupting religious or other lawful assemblies, making noise, or rude or indecent behavior, was subject to a fine of \$1 to \$100.

The Prohibition era began to bow out on Aug. 5, 1929, when the village adopted an ordinance for a \$10 license to sell "non-intoxicating liquor" with alcoholic content of less

than half of one per cent.

On March 7, 1934, liquor stores were set up with a \$50 license, and taverns with a \$100 license.

The Middleton Volunteer Fire Department was officially recognized March 27, 1934, when an ordinance gave it the duty to conduct the fire department.

A thought for future planning came June 5, 1941, when an interim zoning ordinance was adopted.

The village was incorporated March 7, 1905, following an election. First officers were W. F. Pierstorff, president, who remained president until 1917; Trustees C. F. Allen, W. J. Ibenthal, James Fraggart, T. J. Whalen, J. H. Brumm and William Durkopp. Louis Watzke was clerk, August Wahler treasurer, C. F. Allen health officer, and A. C. Laue marshal. Laue was succeeded Dec. 8, 1905 by W. J. Wolf as marshal. O. H. Burmeister was named constable, serving until 1910.

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In 1906 A. C. Schroeder succeeded Whalen as trustee and on Dec. 30 E. L. Walsh was named marshal. The 1907 trustees were H. J. Niebuhr, John Jungbluth, James Fraggart, and W. J. Ibenthal, with Henry Vath as treasurer and A. G. Rowley as health officer. In 1908 trustees elected were A. C. Schroeder, John Jungbluth and August Dahnke. Henry Jungbluth was named marshal in 1909, and trustees were W. F. Brumm and W. W. Schutz.



VILLAGE HALL—This building, the former grade school, was moved from Terrace Avenue after 1912 to Hubbard Street to become the Village Hall. The fire department kept its trucks in the basement for many years.

WHEN HAMBURGER WAS 10c

THE YEARS from 1926 to 1935 found Middleton increasing in size and activities, although the Great Depression set it back considerably. Ads indicated that a one-ton truck sold for \$509. An electric siren replaced the old fire bell. You could buy a beef pot roast for 17 cents a pound, and hamburger for 10 cents. The village lost its last surviving Civil War veteran. Here are some of the details from the files of the local paper:

1926

July 23—Mrs. Ursula Baltes had a frigidaire refrigerator installed in her ice box and ice cream cabinet last week.

July 30—"Woodsheds and straps are things of the past. Today the modern father licks his son by refusing him the use of the car".

Sept. 17—Victoria Bros. advertisement for "Happy Home Steam Washer. Washes, Bleaches, Sterilizes in one operation. Works on any stove. Washes 12 sheets at one time. Uses only 4 gallons of water."

While Charles Roberts of Madison was in Middleton selling that village a fire engine, fire of unknown origin destroyed his home in Madison.

Oct. 8—Middleton Times Herald installs a new 4 page press, due to increase in home news and circulation. Circulation has grown to well above 500 copies.

Zarndt's Garage advertises 1 ton truck with closed cab for \$509 FOB Middleton.

Oct. 22—Progressive Club holds benefit for Middleton Library Fund. Nucleus of library already started. Anyone wishing to help may do so

by donating books or money to be left at Kruse & Burmeister Store.

Nov. 5—Wets carry local election by good margin, with 157 in favor of and 53 against proposed amendment to Volstead Act to allow higher alcoholic content in beer.

Nov. 19—High School orchestra under direction of Miss Greta Johnson makes its first appearance at presentation of operetta "the Gipsy Rover".

Nov. 19—Ford cars owned by local citizens are tested for gas mileage. The average is found to be 37.3 miles per gallon.

Nov. 26 — Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs organized in High School by Miss Johnson and Miss Cretney.

Dec. 17—All school children given iodine tablets, purchased by County Board, for prevention of goitre.

1927

Feb. 22 — Public Library opened Feb. 22 at Burmeister and Kruse Store, sponsored by Progressive Club.

March 11 — Middleton must have been growing. Editorial in Times-Herald entitled "Middleton Needs More Homes."



LONG-TIME AUCTIONEER—George Van Norman, pictured above, was an auctioneer for many years in the Middleton area.

April 8—Pet Milk Co. buys the local condensery.

May 6—Ordinance passed by the Village Board stating that Highways 12 & 13 will henceforth be arterial. Fine for violators will be \$5 to \$25 or up to 30 days in the Dane County jail.

June 18 — Citizens are requested through order received at the post office to airmail congratulations to Charles A. Lindbergh on his return to Washington after his non-stop flight to Paris.



ALUMNI BANQUET—High school alumni held a banquet in 1915 at Lubcke's hotel. In the right foreground is Fred Holt, brother of the late Prof. Frank Holt of the University of Wisconsin.

June 18 — Schwab and Schwartz form partnership, taking over Maul, Schwab, Hinrichs partnership.

Aug. 12 — Sawle's Garage opens for business Aug. 13.

1928

Feb. 3 — J. M. Schlump took over Middleton Hardware Store.

Feb. 17 — Middleton veterans organize American Legion Post. H. C. Schewe chosen first commander, C. E. Neumann vice commander, Wm. Lipke finance officer, T. R. Daniels historian, Father Lederer chaplain, R. Hambrecht sergeant-at-arms, Dr. A. H. Muehlmeier service officer, and J. C. Ibenthal athletic officer.

March 9 — Middleton Farmers start Oil Co-op. The new station will be constructed near Standard Tanks. M. J. Simanek is president of new organization. H. F. Utermark is acting as manager.

March 16 — Boy Scout Troop is started in Middleton. E. J. Miller is to act as Scoutmaster. Troop Committee is made up of C. E. Neumann, chairman, A. J. Viktor, V. J. Schwenn, Dr. Allen, T. R. Daniels, and H. C. Schewe.

April 13 — Village Board voted to purchase a new electric fire siren to replace the bell. Residents of the north end of the village have com-

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June 22 — Bank stockholders vote to increase capital stock from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

Sept. 14 — Tornado sweeps through area. Destroys Gordon School and many farm buildings in Middleton Township in area south of the village.

Nov. 10 — Legion Memorial Park completed in triangle formed by Highway 12 and Pheasant Branch Road east of the village.

CONGRATULATIONS, MIDDLETON

on Your One Hundredth Birthday THE MOTELS OF MIDDLETON

Cabin Court Motel

2033 University Ave.

Phone 2147-1

Dr. & Mrs. M. W. Schuetz

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Rest Well Tourist Court

On Highways 12-13

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Phone 2521-6

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McAllister Motel

Phone 2366-1

1310 University Ave.

Harold J. McAllister

Lake View Motel

Phone 2723-1

1206 University Ave.

Joseph Miller

1929

Jan. 11 — Joe's Place and The Roundhouse taverns raided by state prohibition officers.

Jan. 25 — Much of rural area is snowbound. This is considered to be the hardest winter in 42 years.

March 1—Club Chanticleer opened on this date. Proprietors are Charles Schuetz and Charles G. Johnson of Madison. This club is to be one of the largest dance halls in these parts, with dining room specializing in chicken dinners, and parties and banquets for groups.

March 8—Middleton H.S. students heard Pres. Hoover say "I Do" when taking his oath of office on March 4, through the courtesy of Dr. Teckam who installed a 7-tube radio for the occasion.

March 15—Triple alarm wig-wag installed at Parmenter St. railroad crossing. This due to several accidents which occurred there.

May 24 — Home Talent Baseball



OLD STORE BUILDING—This picture, taken in 1898, shows the DuFrenne Brothers store, now Koltes and Keegan. Dr. C. F. Allen had offices on the second floor.

You, the people of Middleton, have a rich heritage. To have endured past major conflicts and economic depressions, and in defiance of seemingly insurmountable difficulties, to have risen to community heights attained today is eloquent testimony of stamina and extraordinary calibre of you its citizens. We are proud to be one of you.

Koltes & Keegan Hardware

Your Friendly Corner Hardware Store

league organized. Teams are from Middleton, Black Earth, DeForest, Cross Plains and Arena.

May 31—Middleton Times Herald carries its first airplane advertisement; 2 years ago when Lindbergh made his first transatlantic flight, few had flown, even from Madison. Sunday, Bernard Fischnich will pilot a plane from Henry Ziegler's meadow opposite the Chanticleer and will give rides for a nominal fee.

July 26—Cucumber-salting station built in Middleton . . . one of the largest in southern Wisconsin. F. O. Denson is the local manager.

Aug. 9 — Bond issue for building sewage disposal plant approved by voters, 113-95. Bonded indebtedness not to exceed \$45,000.

Sept. 27—Auctions are selling high

this fall. At one local auction, grade Holstein cows brought \$135 to \$150, 154 lb. hogs sold at \$15.50 each, oats brought \$.50 a bushel, and standing corn \$30 per acre.

Nov. 1—Radios are still enough of a novelty to have their installations mentioned in personals of local paper.

Nov. 8—New Gordon school dedicated — old building destroyed by tornado.

Dec. 13—Middleton to have its first community Christmas tree, thanks to the American Legion.

1930

Jan. 7 — Time marches on. Davy Crockett movie shown at High School auditorium.

July 18—City Gas comes to Middleton via Madison and Electric Co.

DANCING

FRI. - SAT. - SUN.

THE

CHANTICLEER

1/2 Mi. N. Middleton

FOOD

Highway 12 is paved from Club Chanticleer to Catholic Church corner.

Sept. 12 — Middleton buys new community fire truck, paid for by Village and Town of Middleton and private subscribers in Towns of Springfield, Westport and Madison. All those mentioned will receive free fire-fighting service.

Sept. 19 — Middleton voters join rest of state in giving Phil LaFollette 2 to 1 margin over Kohler in nomination for governor.

Sept. 26 — Wisconsin crops badly hit by drouth.

Oct. 18—Public Library holds formal opening in new location in the village hall.

March 28 — Middleton Times Herald becomes Times-Tribune.

1931

Saturday specials at Dick's Meat Market:

Beef pot roast \$.17
Fresh Hamburger \$.10

Mar. 27—Burmeister and Kruse Co. store destroyed by fire . . . the worst since the "Big Fire". The damage was estimated to exceed \$35,000.

May 8—A Lions Club is organized at Middleton. L. W. Amborn, principal of High School, was elected first president.

June 27 — Chris Dahmen, Middleton's last surviving Civil War veteran, died age 83 years.

1932

Jan. 29—A. A. Oldfield addresses St. Luke's Brotherhood on topic "The Dangers of Communism".

Local Legion Post conducts Unemployment Drive. Plan is to enlist



STORE AND HOME—Taken in 1900, this shows the newly-completed store (left) and home of Frank Durkopp, when board sidewalks and hitching posts were still the order of the day. The store is now occupied by Larson's restaurant.

GRUBER'S

Furniture Store

2443 Hubbard Ave.

Funeral Home

2432 Elmwood Ave.

● PHONE 2411-1 ●

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Hommel's

Clothing For Children

Congratulates You on Your
100 Years

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BUSTER

BECKY

Gruber Furniture Store and Funeral Company purchased the Burmeister-Kruse Furniture and Funeral Company on May 1, 1937. The furniture store was located in the building where the Koltes & Keegan Hardware Store is now located and the funeral home was located next door to where Walling's Restaurant is now located. On August 15, 1942 Gruber's moved into the funeral home which is located at 2432 Elmwood Avenue and on September 1, 1943 they moved their store to the present location, 2443 Hubbard Avenue.

Gruber's slogan is: "Drive a little farther and save a lot more".

every unemployed case and every item of employment to be secured, and apportion available jobs to worthy men and women. Legionnaires will make house-to-house canvass to obtain information.

Feb. 4 — Fire ravages Victoria Hardware Store, located on Hubbard Ave. next to Milwaukee Road tracks.

Apr. 1—New Ford with V-8 motor introduced by E. Pattison, local Ford dealer; \$726 delivered in Middleton.

April 22—A modern oil station to be managed by Denner and Tiedeman built, replacing old blacksmith shop at corner of Highways 11 & 12. A new blacksmith shop will be built to west of station. The blacksmith shop was formerly a prominent institution. As many as 60 horses a day were shod. The first blacksmith firm was LeFevre & Schneider, succeeded by Dahlk and Zarndt, then Dahlk, Denner and Tiedeman. Upon the death of John Dahlk, Denner and Tiedeman became the village smithies. The Grand Opening was held June 15 & 16.

May 6—Ben Denson takes over the management of Burmester and Kruse Co. store. It is renamed the Merchandise Mart.

June 24 — Some facts about the High School:

Enrollment: 140

Alumni: 481

Village students 40% of total

Town of Middleton 43% of total

Tuition pupils 16% of total

36 piece band

20 piece orchestra

July 1 — Flour has been received and is being distributed by the Red Cross to needy families in Towns of Springfield, Middleton and Village of Middleton.

Economy was the keynote of Middleton Union Free High School annual meeting held June 27. The meet-



BLACKSMITH SHOP—This is the interior of the Dahlk-Zarndt blacksmith shop which was on the site of the present Denner and Tiedeman filling station. The picture was taken about 1912. Left to right are Fred Zarndt, Ed Whalen, John Dahlk (deceased), and August Miller, father of Norbert Miller.

ing slashed the recommended budget of the school officers, after they themselves had cut their own previous budget by \$2,000. Whereas in 1931, \$13,000 was raised for school purposes, the officers asked only \$11,000. The meeting voted to raise \$10,000 and give the Board borrowing power. The Board of Education was rehired at the same salary, and teachers' wages had been cut 10 per cent.

July 22—Two local men arrested in raid on wildcat brewery.

Sept. 3 — W. A. Lipke, Madison funeral director, opens funeral parlor in Verthein Bldg. on Hubbard St.

New jewelry store opened by Mr. Gilbert in Elks Hotel.

Oct. 7—Ed. Schewe sells dray line to Iver Hagen of Black Earth.

1933

Jan. 20—American Legion Auxiliary voted to supply ½ pt. milk each

school day to needy children in Graded School.

Feb. 4—Widmann's Home Bakery opens in E. G. Nordness Bldg.

Feb. 1—Banks of Middleton, Verona and Cross Plains all will go on deferred payment plan Feb. 3.

Milk strike called for May 1st unless remedial measures are taken.

March 17—Pet Milk Co. imports cash from St. Louis to pay farmers' milk checks.

Middleton merchants celebrate re-opening of banks by holding Dollar Day.

April 7—Middleton Times-Tribune carries full page ad celebrating return of "Good Beer", sponsored by 9 taverns. "Au Revoir, Volstead!"

May 11—89 vote yes, 4 no votes in milk producers' vote to strike if strike movement becomes national.

July 7—Wilson Groth opens barber shop in Elks Hotel Bldg.

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OLDEST HOUSE — This old house, now owned and occupied by Prof. Max LaRock of the University, was put up more than 100 years ago by Thomas Whittlesey, first chairman of the Township of Middleton, whose name was formerly given to what is now University Avenue.

Aug. 25 — The following were available at Merchandise Mart:

Kraft Miracle Whip—10 oz. jar,	\$1.10
Coffee—3 lb. _____	.59
Brown sugar—4 lb. _____	.22
Pork and Beans—4 cans _____	.25
Kellogg's corn flakes—2 pkgs. _____	.19

Sept. 29—Local merchants co-operate in NRA BUY NOW FOR RE-EMPLOYMENT WEEK by offering appropriate bargains.

Ladies have canvassed house-to-house for NRA Consumers' League.

Sept. 26—Bel Canto Music Club is organized at the home of Mrs. A. H. Muehlmeier. The object of the

group is to promote the culture of the art of music through study and allow knowledge and appreciation of the works of the masters.

Dec. 1 — Middleton CWA Project started with 5 men working on a park project. Part of the land purchased by Middleton for sewage disposal project will be leveled for a park project. Middleton's CWA quota is 20 men.

1934

January — Middleton Bank announces that it will insure all deposits up to \$2,500 in compliance with Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Meeting in Middleton to explain corn, hog reduction program to local farmers.

Feb.—Scrip auction held by Lions' Club and merchants. Merchants issue certain amount of scrip for purchases in stores, which is then used for payment at auction.

May — Crowds throng walkathon at Broadway Gardens.

July—Fred Thiede, local resident, wins Walkathon after 10 weeks.

1935

Jan. 9—Fire destroyed Club Octagon, formerly known as Roundhouse.

May 6 — Students of High School strike in protest over Board decision

not to rehire Principal L. W. Amborn and Darwin Ferry.

July 15—1,000 people attend dedication of new bandshell on Hubbard Ave. donated by the Lions' Club.

Aug. 26—Electors vote to build 2 to 4 room addition to Graded School.

The Community Guild was started in August of 1935.

Sept. 6—L. M. Weber opens home appliance store in Verthein Building next to DiVall's Barber Shop.

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READY FOR A FUNERAL—This lineup of teams and hacks in front of the Fred Steckelberg livery stable was taken about 1909, the year Steckelberg bought the livery.

THE GREAT DEPRESSION

By CHRISTINE LEHMAN

MIDDLETON, like everywhere else in the Midwest, was more than a little affected by the Great Depression of the 1930's. Though the Wall Street Crash of October, 1929 had no apparent immediate effects in the affairs of the village, by 1932 public economies were beginning to be the order of the day. In the years immediately preceding 1932, which appears to be the low point in the economy of the village, Middleton had been thriving and expanding. New businesses were formed, old ones enlarged. 1927, '28, '29 found the Middleton Public Library opening its doors, Schwab and Schwarz taking over the old partnership of Maul, Schwab and Hinrichs. Sawle's Garage, the Middleton Farmers' Co-op, Club Chanticleer and a cucumber-salting station were among businesses opened for the first time.

The Automobile Age was having its influence, and in 1927 the Village Board passed an ordinance making highways 12 & 13 arterial . . . the unfortunate soul who forgot to stop found himself faced with the alternatives of a fine of up to \$25 or up to 30 days in the Dane County jail. The triple alarm wig-wag was installed at the Parmenter Street crossing due to the increasing frequency of accidents there, and in 1932 the modern oil station was built on the corner of Highway 12, causing the village blacksmith shop to take a back seat for the first time in village history.

One of the first public indications that the depression had reared its head in the village came at the annual school meeting in June 1932, when the Middleton Times-Tribune reports that "Economy was the keynote of the meeting." The electors voted to slash the recommended budget of the school officers after they themselves had cut the previous years' budget by \$2,000. Whereas in 1931, \$13,000 had been raised for school purposes, the officers asked for \$11,000. The meeting voted to raise \$10,000 and give the Board borrowing power. Teachers' wages were cut 10 per cent, but members

of the Board were rehired at the same salaries.

That unemployment had become by this time the order of the day and that many were in actual need, there is no doubt. Early in 1932 the American Legion in an attempt to help people help themselves conducted

an unemployment drive to list every unemployment case, and every item of employment to be secured. In order to get this information, a house-to-house canvass was planned, and an effort was made to apportion available jobs to worthy men and women. The local Red Cross distributed flour to those in need in the village and the surrounding towns, and the American Legion rose to the occasion by voting to supply ½ pint of milk to needy children in the Graded School.

The local bank, along with the banks in Verona and Cross Plains, apparently found itself in a shaky position and in the Middleton Times of February 1, 1932 it was reported that those three banks had decided to go on a deferred payment plan. Details of the plan stated that starting Feb. 3, old deposits would be held intact for the benefit of the depositors until examination was made by the State Banking Department, and plans for deferred payment made by the Board of Directors. All new deposits made after the plan was put into operation would be paid on the will of the depositor.

Perhaps one reason that Middleton was quite noticeably affected by the depression of the '30s was that it was at that time the purchasing center for a large farming area, and it is an economic axiom that farmers are among the first to feel the pinch in a general recession. Not only were the farmers having difficulties with falling prices, but those early



BIG SNOW—A two-day snowstorm Feb. 27 and 28, 1946, filled Middleton streets and sidewalks. This is a view of Parmenter Street looking south from University Avenue.

years of the thirties were the years of drouth which caused crop failures all over the Great Plains area.

The year 1933 found the local farmers in a mood for action. Discussions were held, and cries of "Milk Strike" were heard at them all. In March of that year the money situation had become so tight that the local Pet Milk Condensery was forced to import cash from St. Louis in order to meet the farmers' monthly milk checks. In May a strike vote was taken, and the 89 years overwhelmed the 4 nays to strike if the strike movement became nationwide. It did and they did. Men who were in farming at that time recall keeping all their milk at home, and when the supply of cans was used up, storing the milk in every conceivable type of container that would hold liquid, and finally feeding it to the hogs, so that it would not go to waste.

The Middleton Times-Tribune offered an unusual service designed to benefit both farmers and newspaper, offering free advertising space to farmers with the suggestion that cash received from items sold therefrom be used to pay delinquent subscriptions. The newspaper itself was somewhat smaller in volume through the worst of the depression . . . whether due to the cost of newsprint, or lack of parties and social life to report it is somewhat difficult to determine.

March of 1933, however, opened the era of the New Deal. Measures were being taken by the Federal Government to directly relieve the situation, and Middleton began to benefit. The Bank reopened after its enforced holiday and the local merchants held a Dollar Day to celebrate. Later in the same year the stores cooperated with the NRA BUY NOW FOR RE-EMPLOYMENT WEEK by offering "appropriate bargains", and ladies of the village can-



POLICE FORCE—These men are the Middleton police force of today. Left to right they are Robert Kirner, Chief Harold Wille, and Robert Thomas.

Warns Against Smooth Strangers

City slickers were after the countryman's dollar half a century ago, with strategems such as this one reported in the Middleton Times-Herald for April 21, 1899:

"We are informed that there are persons going through the country asking farmers for the permission to put signs on their fences; afterward they ask the farmer to sign a certificate which they say is to be sent to the company as proof that they have been in that locality and done the work; but it turns out afterwards that the farmer had signed a note. Again we say to the farmers and others, do not sign anything for a stranger, or you must expect to be swindled. There are numerous schemes and the above is one of the latest. Look out."

vassed house-to-house for the NRA Consumers' League. The Civilian Works Administration, designed to relieve unemployment, came to Middleton in the form of a park project on land purchased by the village for a sewage disposal plant which had never materialized. Middleton's quota for CWA was 20 men.

On the whole, the local citizens and economic affairs of the village seemed well on the way to recovery by the end of the first half of the decade. News of what was happening in Europe was beginning to supplant news of the alphabetic agencies in the local papers, and life was proceeding apace. In the summer of 1935 the bandshell was dedicated with over 1,000 persons attending the ceremonies, the addition to the Graded School was decided upon, and the new Community Sunday School, and also the Community Guild got off to a good start. Middleton had weathered the storm well and was ready to face whatever was held in store.

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CAST

PROLOGUE: OUR 75TH BIRTHDAY

ENTIRE CAST ASSEMBLES TO PAY TRIBUTE TO OZONA

NARRATORS: Genice Childress, Faye Dozier, Kaleta Shepperson,
Foy Moody, C.H. Leath, Bill Lewter, B.E. Cleere

BOY SCOUTS: Troops #14, 15, 19

CUB SCOUTS:

BROWNIE SCOUTS: Troops #54, 55

MAJORETTES: Cynthia Mahon, Peggy Hagelstein, Marsha Moore,
Deborah Mills, Chris Clegg, Marjoie Carnes

HORSEMEN: Pon Seahorn, Paul Pener, Jill Graves, Mary Ann Pitts,
Cary Pitts, Fletcher Coates, Steve Hubbard, Diltzy Bland,
Becky Bland, Rex Bland, Jerry Lynn Morrison, George Cox,
Lynn Cox, Dwight Childress, Fred Chandler, Robilyn Miller

EPISODE 1

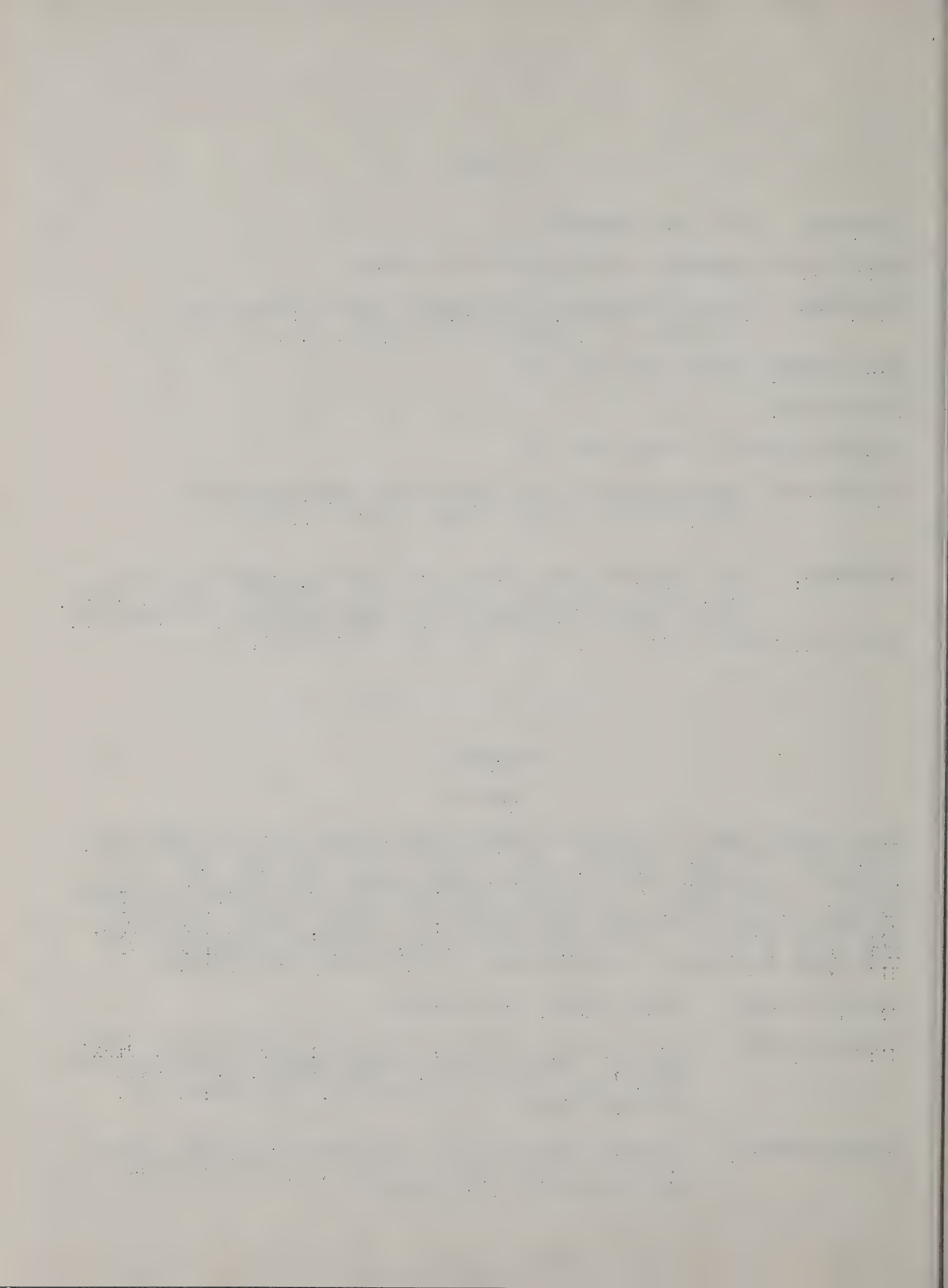
SHADOWS

THE DYNAMIC STORY OF CROCKETT COUNTY DIDN'T BEGIN JUST 75 YEARS AGO, WHEN THE WHITE MAN SETTLED. THE INDIANS, CIVILIZED AND UNCIVILIZED, ROAMED THE WESTERN PRAIRIES SEEKING EXCITEMENT AND FOOD, FOR AS FAR BACK AS 3,000 YEARS. ALL OF THE LAND WEST FROM SAN ANTONIO BELONGED TO THE INDIANS, ESPECIALLY THE COMMANCHE, APACHE, KIOWA, MESCALERO, AND LIPAN TRIBES. THEY ROAMED THE PLAINS LOOKING FOR BUFFALO AND THE SMOKE FROM MANY A COUNCIL FIRE DRIFTED ACROSS THE PRAIRIE.

INDIAN CHIEFS: FRANK JAMES, JAKE MILLER

INDIAN SQUAWS: Wila Perry, Johnny Rae Chapman, Reva Wagner, Vicki Miller, Juanita mills, Velma Marley, Donna Hightower, Marie Key, Jo Ann Fenton, Mrs. Bill Pagan, Mrs. Richard Walker

INDIAN BRAVES: Gregory Stuart, Craig Williams, Ned Henry, Steve Hubbard, David Pagan, Wesley Key, Phillip Perner, Don Edgerton, Craig Deaton



INDIAN MAIDENS: Grace Ann Tabb, Marla Barbee, Diana Deaton, Charlene Strickland, Pat Fitzhugh, Jean Kinman, Lynne Neel, Susie Tankersly, Sue Neil, Marque Anderson, Karen Mosley, Joanie Baggett, Skookie Edgerton, Tonya Blanton, Sharon Barbee

INDIAN CHILDREN: Rick Perry, Jeannine Perry, Ronald Weston, Suzanne Williams

PADRE: Harry Earles

EPISODE 2

ONWARD TO OZONA

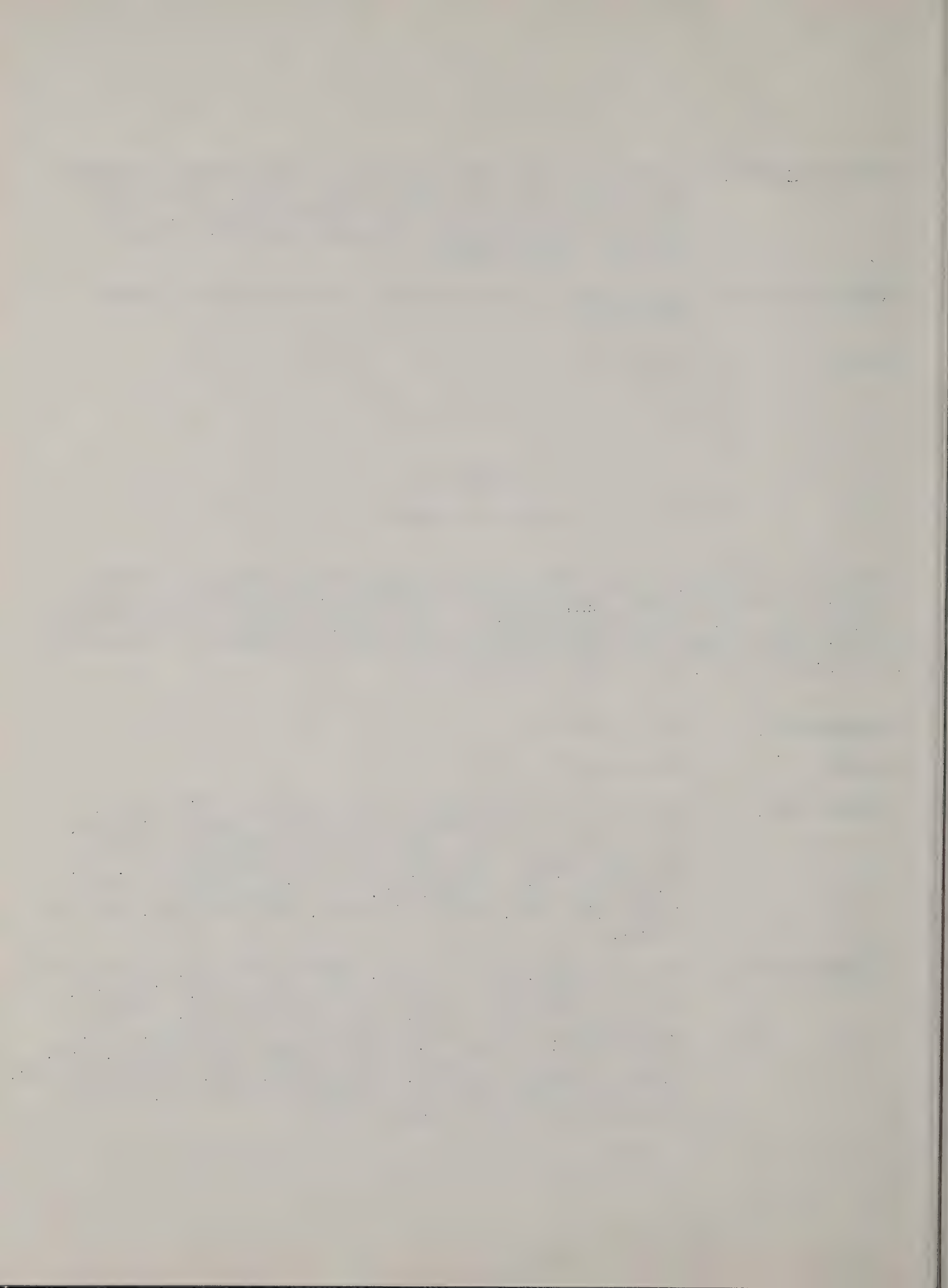
AFTER 1881 IMMIGRATION INTO WEST TEXAS BECAME QUITE GENERAL, AS THE COVERED WAGONS APPEARED, BRINGING THE SETTLERS WITH ALL THEIR WORLDLY POSSESSIONS INTO THIS LAND UNKNOWN. THE PIONEER SPIRIT LEAPED FORWARD, AND THE SMOKE FROM SETTLERS CABINS IN THE DISTANCE OMENED THE BEGINNING OF A NEW WAY OF LIFE ON THIS PRAIRIE LAND.

WAGONMASTER: Alfred Roach

GRANNY: Alma Roach

PIONEER MEN: Bob Bailey, Dean Scott, Steve Lindsay, Jim Davee, Joe Couch, Dick Kirby, Bill Black, Buddy Phillips, Buster Deaton, Mike Clayton, Max Schneemann, Jess Marley, Frank McMullan Jr., Ron Pennington, J. C. Schroeder, Jim Carpenter, Joe King, Lonnie Cain, Larry Williams, Nick Nicholas, Eddy Nations, Garland Young.

PIONEER WOMEN: Ruth Seahorn, Lou Deaton, Janette Bailey, Melba Davee, Jeanette Minica, Janice Marley, Mrs. W.D. O'Bryant, Mrs. Joe Brownlee, Mrs. Mike Clayton, Mrs. Ronald Pennington, Mrs. Dean Scott, Mrs. Joe Couch, Mrs. Brooks Dozier, Mrs. Jim Dudley, Mrs. Bill Black, Mrs. George Bunger Jr., Mrs. Dick Kirby, Mrs. Buddy Phillips, Mrs. Max Schneemann, Mrs. George Glynn, Mrs. Frank McMullan Jr., Mrs. Lonnie Cain



CHILDREN: Fred Deaton, Rebecca Seahorn, Denise Deaton, Sally Bailey, Nanette Bailey, Jim Bailey, Charles Childress, Ann Glynn, Bonnie Glynn, Sam Davee, Tom Davee, Dean Scott Jr., Steve Scott, Gary Scott, Debbie Deaton, Ginger Womack, David Brownlee, Cliff McMullan, Sosa Brownlee, Scott Brownlee, Kay McMullan, Debra Clayton, Liza Clayton, Lori Clayton, Fawn Pennington, Perry Pennington, Nanda Dozier, Bill Dudley, Will Black, Suellen Black, Helen Bunger, Louis Bunger, Karen Kirby, Kristi Kirby, Hill Phillips, Hope Phillips, Lee Minica, Shannon Minica, Sandra Sands, Robbie Sands, Gloria Sands, Billy Dixon, Polly Dixon, Kip Sharp, Pia Sharp, Jennifer Marley

SQUARE DANGERS: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dixon,
Mr. & Mrs. C.O. Walker
Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Bailey
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Baggett
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Williams
Mr. & Mrs. W.T. Stokes
Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Robertson

BAND: Ed Strickland, Mrs. Byron Williams, Mrs. Hugh Gray,
Cathy Williams

EPISODE 3

OUR COUNTY IS BORN

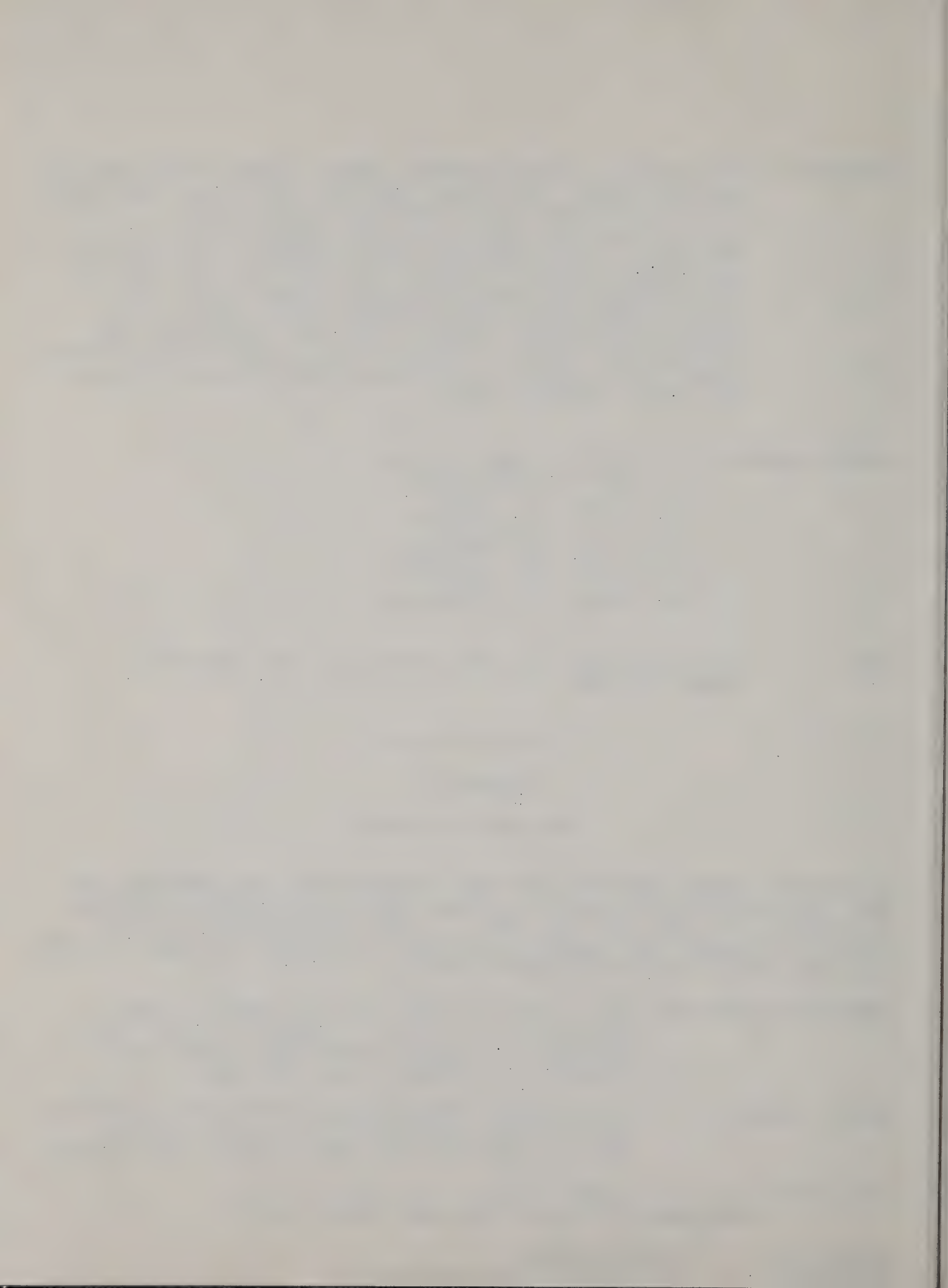
AS CROCKETT COUNTY EXPANDED AND GREW, TRAGEDY STUCK AND ENGULFED NOT ONLY THE COUNTY BUT THE NATION AS WELL, TEARING THE COUNTRY ASSUNDER AND PLUNGING IT INTO THE CIVIL WAR. AT THE TURNING POINT OF THIS STRUGGLE, A QUAIN AND SADDENED MAN STOOD OVERLOOKING THE FIELD OF BATTLE AND SPOKE WORDS WHICH HAVE BECOME IMMORTAL.

CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS: Bill Cooper, Al Fields, Doris Haire, Ross Hufstedler, Tom Allen, Richard Flowers, Ernest Dunlap, T.J. Bailey, Lowell Littleton, Fred Chandler, Ira Carson, Dean Phillips

UNION SOLDIERS: George Glynn, Dick Webster, Dean Scott, Jim Marks, S.E. Carnes, Jim Evans, Lloyd Beaird, Weldon Maness, Perry Hubbard, Gary Waggner, Huey Ingram

ABE LINCOLN: Lonnie Cain
(COMPLIMENTS OF OZONA LIONS AND ROTARY CLUBS)

BATHTUB BOY: John Childress
SURVEYORS: Gary Sutton, Tom Davidson



EPISODE 4

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

THE STRENGTH OF THE PIONEERS AND THEIR PERSISTANCE ON THE FACE OF OVERWHELMING ODDS WAS FOUNDED ON A SIMPLE BUT ENDURING FAITH IN GOD. IN DEFERENCE TO ALL FAITHS AND WITH REFERENCE TO NONE, WE PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR RELIGIOUS HERITAGE, WITH A COLLECTIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALL FAITHS IN CROCKETT COUNTY.

MINISTER: Harry Earles

CHURCH PEOPLE: Mr. & Mrs. Herculano Delagado, Rev. & Mrs. Henry Medina, Mr. & Mrs. Lius Martinez, Mr. & Mrs. Refugio Zamaripa, Mr. & Mrs. Jesus Guerra, Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Gomez, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Fauntoz, Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Alba, Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Martinez, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Moran, Mr. & Mrs. Herb Kunkel, Mr. & Mrs. Pete Jacoby, Mr. & Mrs. L.D. Kirby, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Jones, Mr. & Mrs. R.L. Flowers, Mr. & Mrs. W.D. O'Bryant, Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Dorris, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Pennington, Mr. & Mrs. Glynn Sutton, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Beasley, Mr. & Mrs. W. T. Goodson, Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Gilliam, Lola Rios, Samuel Cervantes, Micky Cervantes, Alejos Lara, Rev. Joseph Adair Sr. Celestine Nunley, Edna Earl Fielder, Ophelia Benson, Richard Gordon, Eva Gordon, Vivian Hollan, Katie Patterson, Fred Fletcher, Joseph Adair Jr., James Adair, John Adair

CHOIR: Mrs. Jerry Perry, Mrs. Ted Lewis, Mrs. Otto Pridmore, Harold Shaw, Dean Rippetoe, Jeanie Williams, Mrs. J.C. Schroder, Liz Williams, Robilyn Miller, Lou Deaton, Elaine Dixon, Connie Williams, Kay Kyle, Hank Miller, Janie Edgerton, Johnny Childress, Alma James, Faye Dozier, Janette Bailey

COMPLIMENTS OF: CHURCH OF CHRIST, METHODIST, CATHOLIC, MT. ZION BAPTIST, CALVARY BAPTIST, EL BAUSTISTA JERSULEUM MEXICAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LUTHERAN CHURCH.



EPISODE 5

SEED FOR THE FUTURE

DEAR OLD GOLDEN RULE DAYS! ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE EARLY SETTLERS POSSESSED A LIMITED EDUCATION, THEY REALIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION IN THE LIVES OF THEIR CHILDREN. THE FIRST SCHOOL CLASS WAS IN 1889 AT EMERALD AND NOT UNTIL 1891 AFTER THE COUNTY WAS ORGANIZED, WERE STEPS TAKEN FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

TEACHER: Lucille Littleton

SCHOOL BOYS: Jesse Deaton, Craig Deaton, Jim Bob Bailey, Craig Deaton, Buddie Couch, Tom Davidson, Charles Turland

SCHOOL GIRLS: Nanette Bailey, Denise Deaton, Rebecca Seahorn, Debra Clayton, Liza Clayton, Marsha Moore, Debbie Deaton

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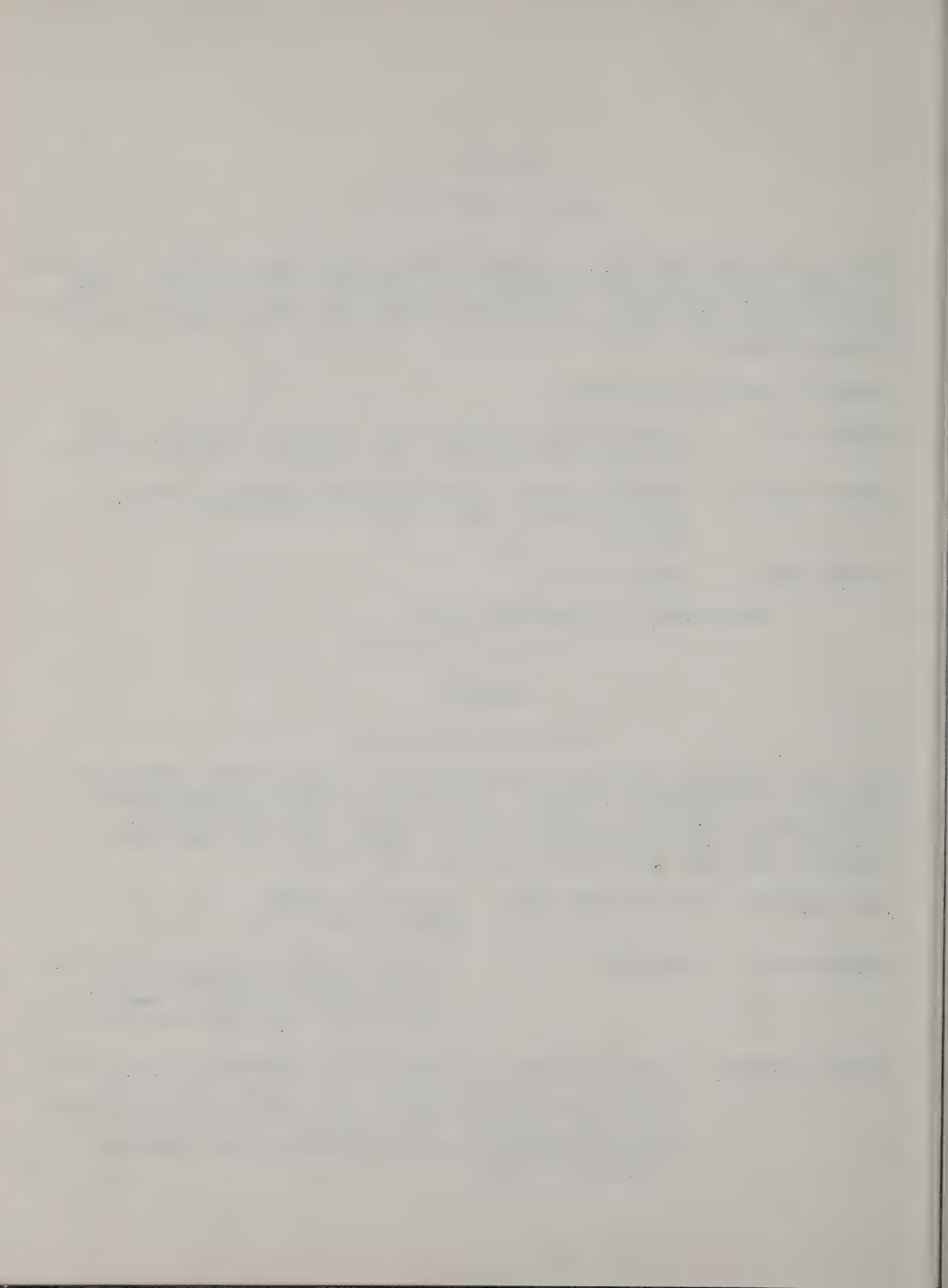
THE SPANISH HERITAGE

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GRPUP DANCE: "JESUSITA" Melissa Zapata, Elizabeth Zapata,
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VILLAGE PEOPLE: Graciela Vargas, Carmen Reina, Cynthia Reinca, Isabel Maldonado, Pete Maldonado, Tine Lara, Nancy Lara, Thelma Lara, Bobby Gargas Jr., Gallo Lara, Marisela Lara, Kay Fuantoz, Jerry Fuantoz, Richard Fuantoz, Mendora Fuantoz, Americo Tambunga, Rene Tambunga, Richard Reinberg



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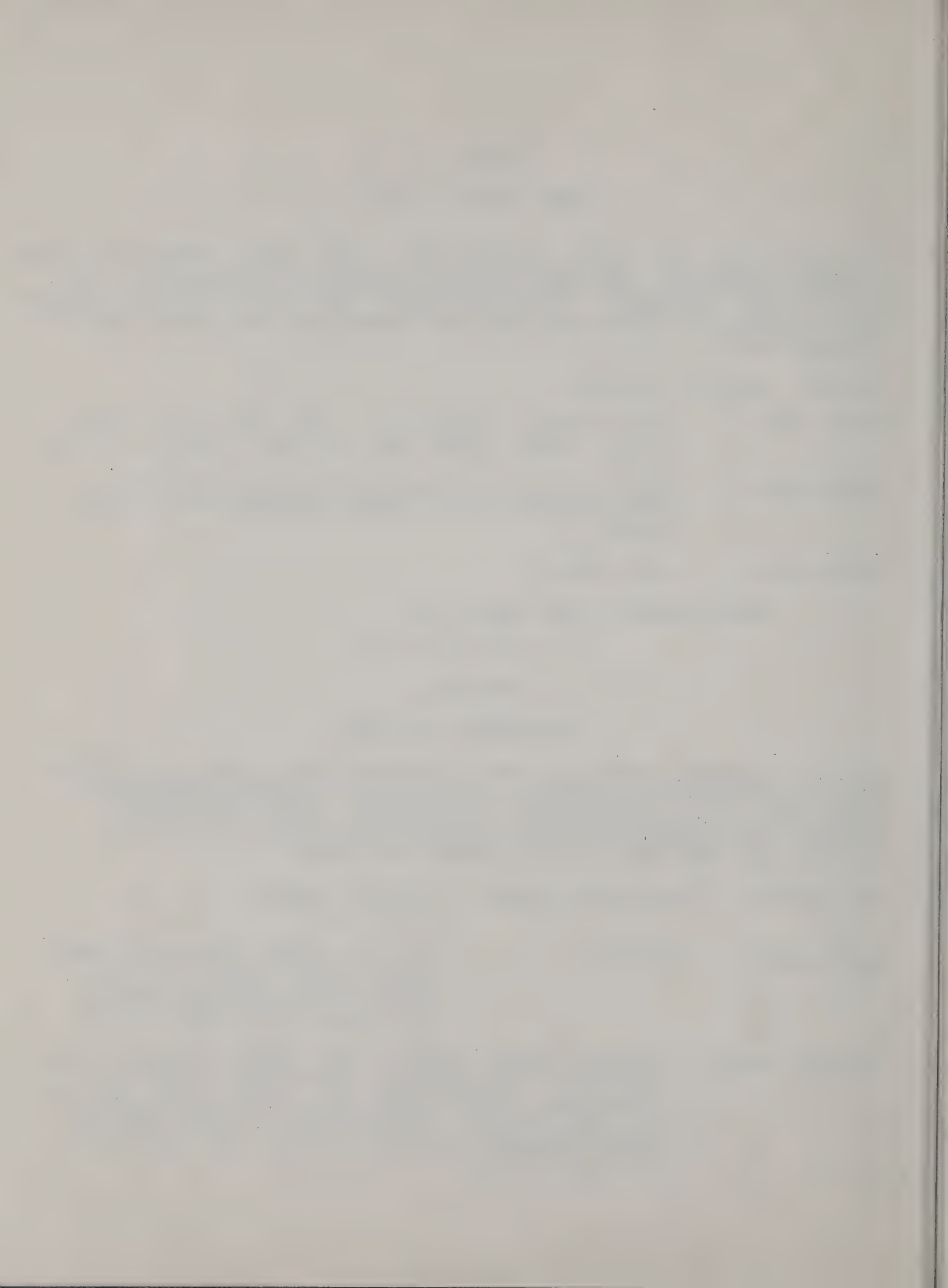
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EPISODE 7

THE WILD, WILD, WEST

THE CATTLEMEN WERE THE FIRST TO MOVE INTO THE UNTRIED ACRES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW FRONTIER. IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE THE SHEEPMAN CAME INTO THIS COUNTY, ONLY TO MEET WITH SOME OPPOSITION. TWO TYPICAL GOSSIPS, TWO "SHOOT 'EM UP" GUNSLINGERS, A FELLOW WHO'S HAD A WEE BIT TOO MUCH, AND A GROUP OF THE PALACE DANCERS PROVIDE A MUSICAL AND FUNNY CHAPTER IN OZONA'S HISTORY.

STALKERS: David Jacoby, Garry Elmore

GOSSIPS: Claryce Williams, Phyllis Beaird

DRUNK: Sandy Stokes

CAN-CAN DANVERS: Jo Alice Scott, Revo Wagner, Johnnye Rae Chapman,
Lynda Robinson, Willa Perrey, Melba Davee, Janice
Lee, Nancy Miller

COMPLIMENTS OF BETA SIGMA PHI

EPISODE 8

THE FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC

BY THE TURN OF THE CENTURY THE FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC WAS LOOKED FORWARD TO, AS THE BIGGEST GALA EVENT OF THE YEAR. PEOPLE CAME FROM MILES AROUND TO JOIN IN THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT IN THE CITY PARK, FOR THE "GAY 90'S PICNIC".

JUDGE: T.J. Bailey

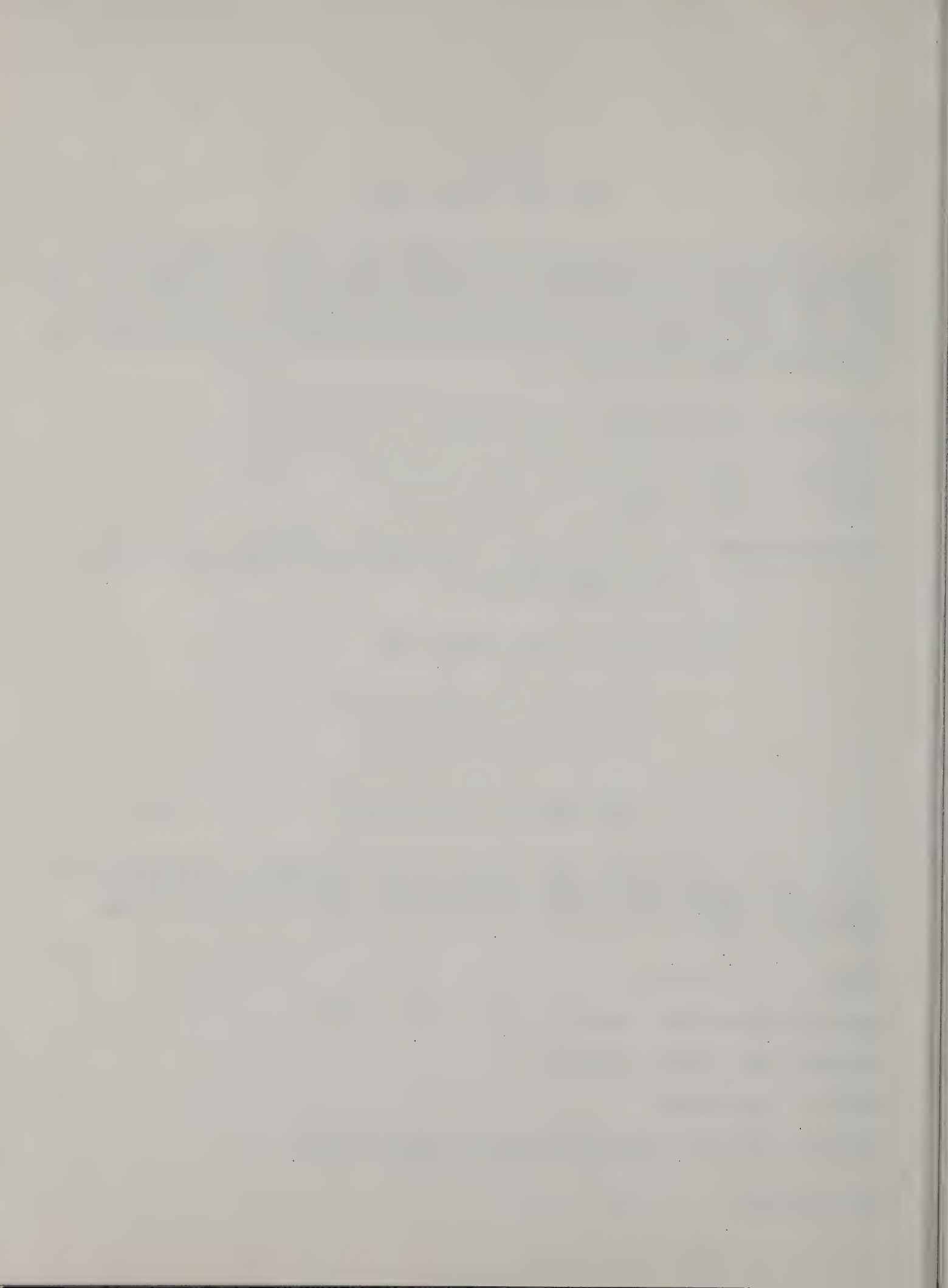
SHERIFF & DEPUTIES: Herbert Kunkel, L.D. Kirby

BALLOON MAN: Steve Lindsay

BOXERS: Gary Pagan

BATHING BEAUTIES: Vicki Miller, Johnette Dozier,
Elizabeth Jones, Janice Marley

PHOTOGRAPHER: Harry Earles



MEN: Jake Miller, Max Schneemann, Lowell Littleton, John Hunnicutt, Larry Williams, Lawrence Sands, Clarence Key, Ray Boyd, Robert Cox, W.H. Whitaker, Curly Sharp

VILLIAN: Rex Fenton

WOMEN: Lillie Baggett, Zillie Miller, Zelda Bennett, Carolyn Clayton, Billie Edgerton, Mrs. Herbert Kunkel, Mrs. Max Schneemann, Mrs. T.J. Bailey, Mrs. Pete Jacoby, Mrs. L.D. Kirby, Mrs. Lowell Littleton, Mrs. Carl Appel, Mrs. Bill Seahorn, Mrs. Bill Clegg, Joanne Fenton, Marie Key, Wynno Boyd, Leota Cox, Modene Whitaker, Glynora Sharp

CHILDREN: DOUBLE FOR EPISODE 2

YOUNG LADIES: Grace Ann Tabb, Marla Barbee, Elizabeth Jones, Ginger Comack, Marsha Moore, Joanie Baggett, Diana Deaton, Pat Fitzhugh, Karen Mosley, Charlene Strickland, Sherry Saunders, Susie Tankersly

EPISODE 9

A DARK VICTORY

THE EARLY 1900'S WERE YEARS OF PROGRESS AND MANY NEW FANGLED INNOVATIONS. HOWEVER, THIS DIDN'T LAST LONG FOR IN 1917 THE CLOUDS OF WAR APPEARED, ESTABLISHING THE INFAMOUS GROUP, "THE DOUGHBOYS".

DOUGHBOYS: Don Edgerton, Fred Deaton, Tom Davidson.
Charles Childress, Wesley Keys

EPISODE 10

THE ROARING 20'S

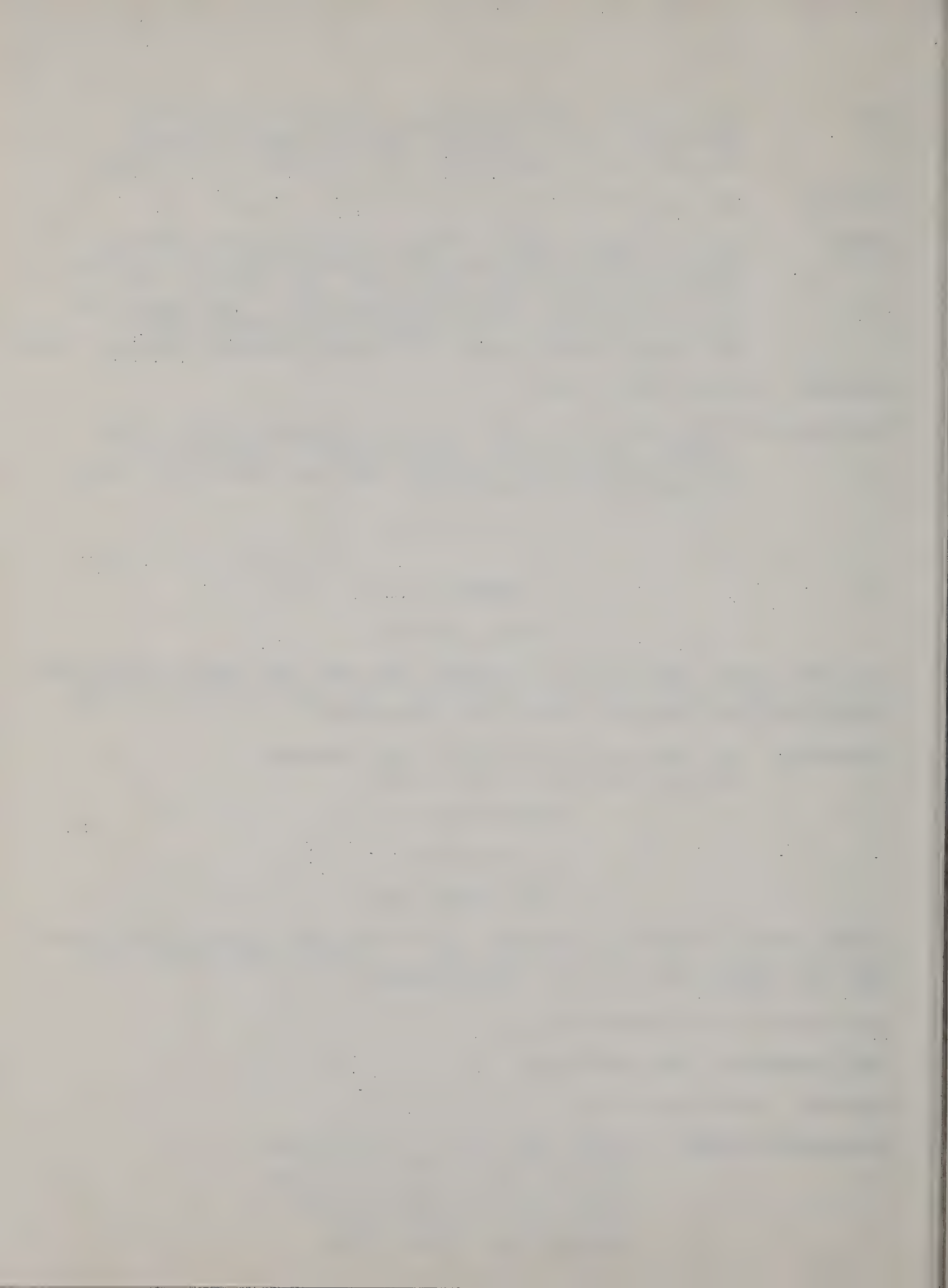
IN THE 1920'S PROSPERITY ABOUNDED. IT WAS THE EAR OF THE SILENT SCREEN, HOME BREW, FLAG POLE SITTERS, FLAPPERS.....AND THE NEW DANCE CRAZE THAT WAS SWEEPING THE NATION, THE CHARLESTON !!!!!!

THEDA BARA: Vicki Applewhite

RUDY VALENTINO: John Childress

HUSBAND: Rick Hagelstein

CHARLESTON DANCERS: Vicki Applewhite - Brad Harris
Robilyn Miller- Gary Sutton
Gloria Gilbert- Jack Applewhite
Janie Edgerton- Mike Prater
Bill Pagan - Evelyn Pagan
Kathy Miller- Julia Miller



PROHIBITION MEN: Bigg Pagan, Jake Miller

EPISODE 11

TURBULENT TIMES

THE MOST DEPRAVED TYRANT THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN, ADOLPH HITLER, THROWS THE WORLD INTO TURMOIL, WITH NO BREAKING POINT FOR FOUR YEARS. DURING THOSE DIFFICULT TIMES BASEBALL HELPED TAKE OUR MINDS OFF TRADGEDGY AND LIFT OUR SPIRITS TO THE FUTURE.

IWO JIMA MEN: Napoleon Vitela, Santiago Tambunga, Ruben Tambunga, D.C. Torrez, Genaro Reinberg, Gumersindo Romo

PAPER BOY: Richard Reinberg

BALL PLAYER: Filepe Castro

COMPLIMENTS OF THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM

EPISODE 12

THE BEGINNING OR THE END?

BEFORE WE KNEW IT WE FOUND OURSELVES IN WHAT MANY PEOPLE CALLED THE "ATOMIC AGE", THE AGE THAT GAVE US MORE FREEDOM FROM OUR WORK AND TIME FOR VACATIONS, HENCE: THE TOURIST EXPLOSION. EXTENDED TO THE PRESENT, 1966 FINDS OUR YOUTH DOING THE GRUGG. "WHATS THE WORLD COMING TO?"

TECHNICIANS: Eddie Prieto, Jesus Castro

ANNOUNCER: Beckie Diaz

TOURIST COUPLE: Felipe Castro, Socorro Castro

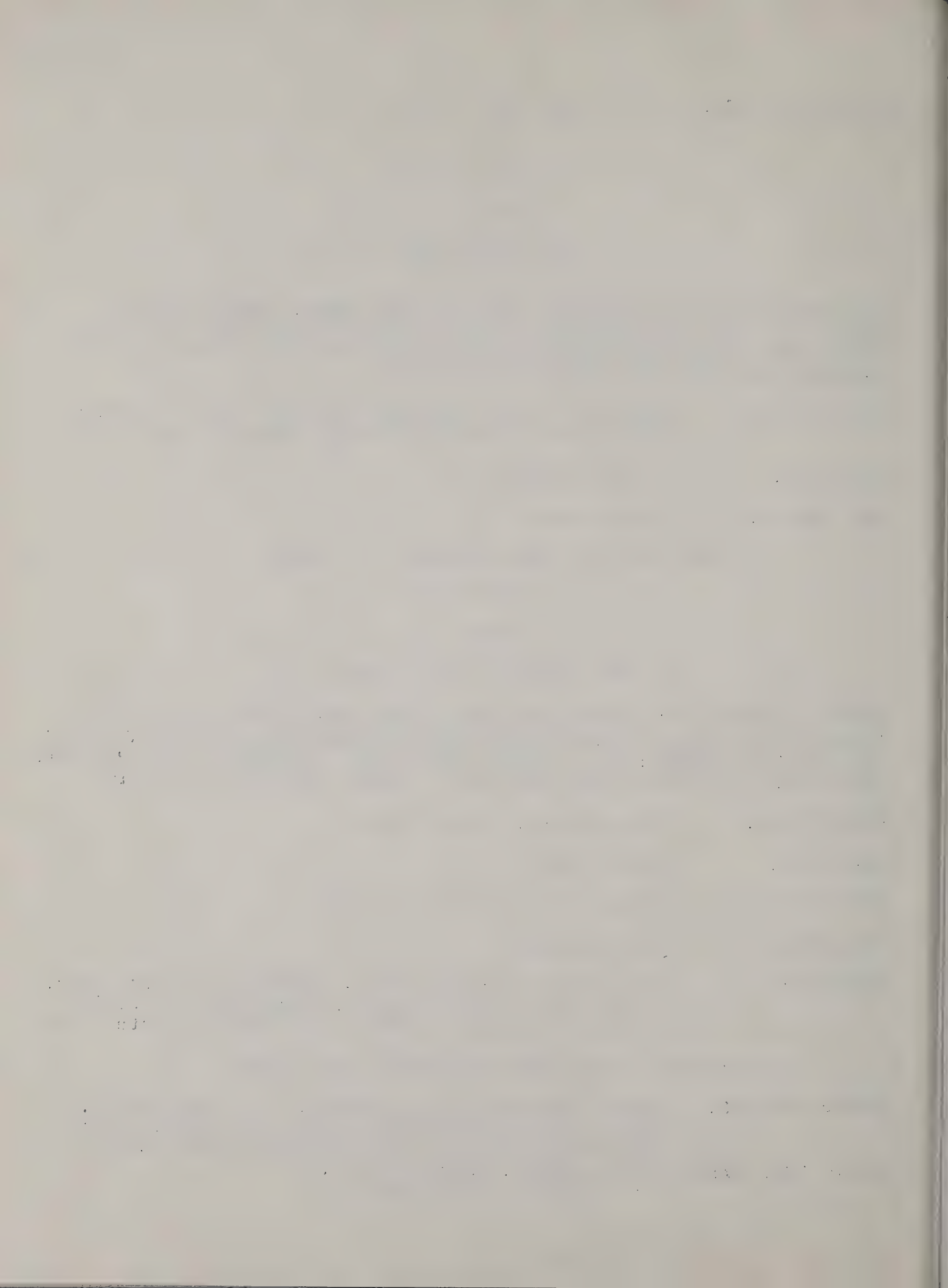
GAS ATTENDANT: Gene Reinberg

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
FOR
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SATURDAY JUNE 11th: Queen's Ball at Civic Center- 9 P.M.

SUNDAY JUNE 12th: Union Church Service at Football Field 8:30 P.M.
Every one invited.

MONDAY JUNE 13th: Merchant's Day (Continues through the week)
BARGAINS - BARGAINS - BARGAINS

TUESDAY JUNE 14th: YOUTH DAYS (Tuesday and Wednesday)
8:30 A.M. Girls Softball at Little League Park
South Elem. 5th vs North Elem. 5th.

10:00 A.M. Girls Softball at Little League Park
South Elem. 6th VS North Elem. 6th

1:30 P.M. Girls Softball at Little League Park
7th Grade VS 8th Grade

9:00 A.M. BOWLING TOURNAMENT
Jr.High Boys & Girls (Individual Games)

1:30 P.M. BOWLING TOURNAMENT
3rd Grade through 6th Grade

6:00 P.M. Little League Ball Game

YOUTH TAKES OVER COUNTY OFFICES
FLAG DAY CEREMONY IN PARK

WEDNESDAY JUNE 15th --- Continuation of Youth Day Events

FIRST PERFORMANCE OF PAGEANT "FROM THIS RUGGED LAND"
8:15 P.M. at Football Stadium

THURSDAY JUNE 16th OFFICIAL WOMENS DAY

3:00 P.M. Jubilee Belles Cooking Demonstration at Civic Center
Public Invited (Men & Women)

8:15 P.M. Second Performance of Pageant- Football Field

FRIDAY, JUNE 17th

OPEN HOUSE IN CIVIC CENTER -- ALL DAY

CONTINUATION OF FRIDAY EVENTS:

HOMEcoming REGISTRATION at Jubilee Headquarters,
High School Auditorium and
Civic Center- ALL DAY

CLASS REUNIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

OLD TIMERS FIDDLERS CONTEST- 1st Go Round at Village Shopping
Center 4 P.M.

3:15 P.M. Third Performance of Pageant at Football Field

DANCE- Open to Public- Rodeo Platform following Pageant.

SATURDAY JUNE 18th OPEN HOUSE AT CIVIC CENTER ALL DAY

8:00 - 10:30 A.M.: Trip to Ft. Lancaster

9:00 A.M.: Finals of Old Time Fiddlers Contest- IN THE PARK

10:00 A.M. Judging of Brother of Brush- Park

12 Noon- Bar-B-Q in Park

1:45 P.M. Recognition of Ft.Lancaster Land Donors (In Park)

2:00 P.M. PARADE THROUGH OZONA

4:30 P.M. Permian Basin Historical Survey Committee Meeting- Civic
Center.

8:15 P.M. Final Performance of Pageant- Football Field

STREET DANCE _ FRONT HIGH SCHOOL GYM- following Pageant.

75 YEAR VIEW OF VILLAGE

(Valedictory by Beatrice Green—now Mrs. Leif Ersland—at Middleton High School, June 3, 1926. Published in Times-Herald on June 4, 1926)

THINKING OVER the past, we wonder how it happened that our first settlers left their former homes to take up their work in the territory that was destined to become Middleton.

Did the pioneers of our village come here as a result of the German revolution of 1848, or the potato famine in Ireland at the same time? Or were the mining districts of southern Wisconsin, or the agricultural districts about Milwaukee the former homes of our first settlers?

In the year in which Wisconsin became a state, our township, formerly a part of Madison, was created and called Middleton after a place in Vermont.

The first settlers in the town were Horace Hall and John Alcott, who came in 1839, and Orson Cook, who came in 1841. Later in the same season J. D. Sanford came to the farm which had been entered by his brother about four years previous. His wife, Mrs. Sanford, was the first white woman in the township.

In 1846 was built the first plot of the village. Later the place was known as Peatsville from the great amount of peat dug in the vicinity. A building was erected in the marsh

to dry the peat by steam, but when it was found that enough fuel could not be dug to supply the furnaces, the project was abandoned.

The first houses in the village plot were built by Simon Rose, who opened a saloon and boarding house, and later started the first hotel, and by his brother-in-law, who operated the first store. Building in the village progressed rapidly during 1856. Wheeler & Wagner opened the store now occupied by Maul, Schwab & Hinrichs. Since that date Lenz, Damaz, Thuringer, DuFrenne, & Lyle, and A. Van Edig have had charge at various times. John Prien had the first blacksmith shop where the post office is now located. A warehouse built by B. C. Slaughter

served also for a depot and for the post office.

There was no church built before the Civil War, although as early as 1853 the Baptists had organized a society, holding their regular meetings in the schoolhouse for 10 years.

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fer greatly during the Civil War period. Business in the village thrived rather than slackened. However, our village sent a number of men to take part in the war. There are still two Civil War veterans in our midst—Mr. Dahmen and Mr. Amundson. Mr. Dohm, who died recently, was also one of our veterans.

About the same time as the churches were founded, a number of other organizations had their beginning, including Masons, Odd Fellows, Rebeccas, the Grange, the Good Templars, and the Mendotas. The last named, better known as the Ancient Order of the Mendotas, was an organization devoted to the interests of the temperance fraternity and its progress. This organization was founded and developed in this village by a Middletonian and it was very popular in various parts of the country. The order was supposed to have derived its traditions and ceremonies from long extinct Indian tribes.

One of the oldest houses of this community was the log house of Jonas and Amos Parmenter which formerly stood across the road from the stone quarry. Mr. Busch's house, located where H. Benseman now lives, was another of the first. Two others which are still standing are the ones owned by Mrs. Verthein and the one occupied by Darwin Hambrecht.

In this period Middleton boasted of several hotels. Elisha Bailey kept one where the telephone office now



GREAT TRANSITION—The change from board sidewalks to cement ones is pictured here as it took place in front of St. Bernard's Church, with a team of horses looking on.

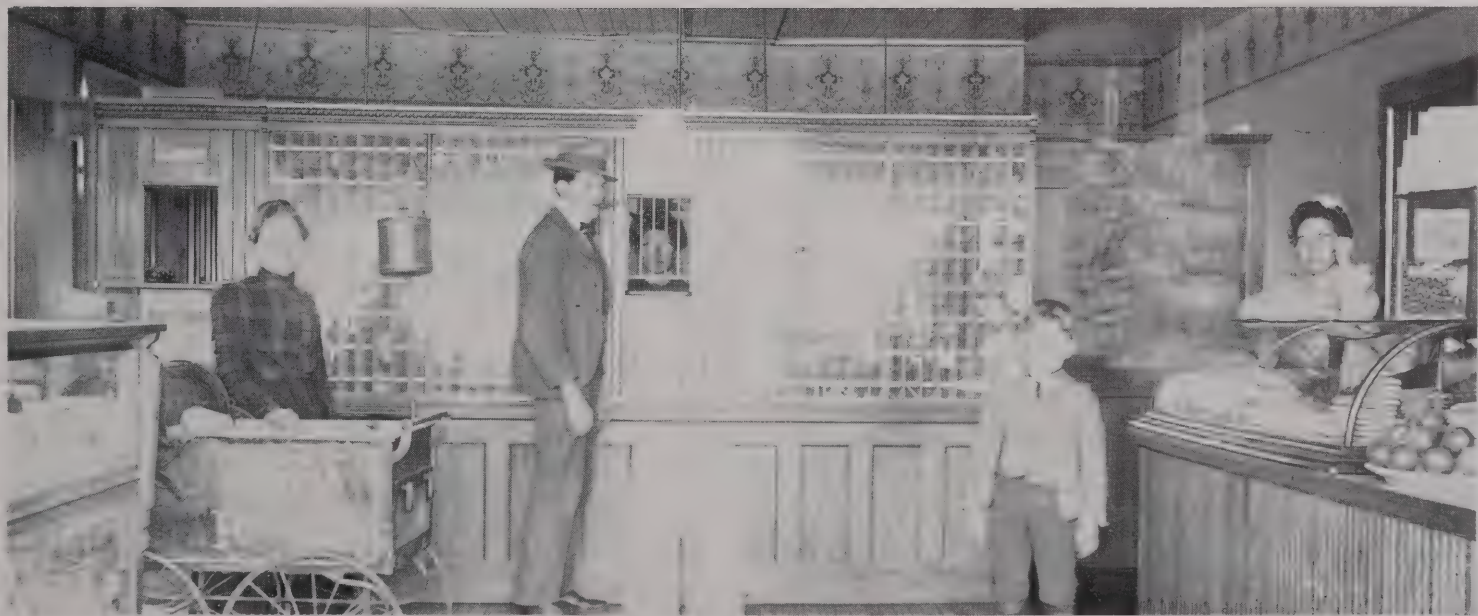
Road Boss Got Doubtful Praise

Public officials who did their jobs well could be sure of a pat on the back from editors long ago. This one, from the *Middleton Times Herald* of June 16, 1899, was hearty to the point of being a knock-down:

"Our road overseer is mending his ways considerably of late, having graded the eastern end of Whittlesey street. That's right John, keep on improving."

stands. The Mendota House stood where Wm. Hoffman now has his place of business. The Washington, now Carl's Place, was kept by Daniel Maul, and the American by Jacob Stricker. The Washington got most of the trade from the University. The students came out in sleighs or buggies from Madison to dance, and their chicken suppers were common when poultry could be purchased for 10c a pound. When the Washington discontinued business, the student trade passed to the American.

Between 1863 and 1876 the building erected by B. C. Slaughter and used as a warehouse, depot, and post office, and now owned by Green Grain and Feed Co., passed through several hands, including those of Isaac Bunting and Richard



POST OFFICE—About 1900 Mrs. S. Schroeder had the post office and a confectionery store where Walling's now have a restaurant on Hubbard and Parmenter. Left to right: Mrs. Schroeder, Willie Schneider, Martin (Duke) DuFrenne and Mrs. DuFrenne, daughter of Mrs. Schroeder. Looking through post office window is Annie Schillinger, a niece of Mrs. Schroeder's.

Green. Two other warehouses were built, the one by Mr. Davis, torn down about eight years ago, and the other by Mr. White.

The steam mill, bought by Mr. Van Slyke in 1874, was the outgrowth of several institutions. First it was a depot; then it was converted into a mill; and a few years later was enlarged and used as a distillery. So great was their business that two men were kept busy continually shoveling corn to make whiskey. However, they got into trouble with the government because of the development of a revenue swindling scheme, and the property passed into the possession of Mr. Van Slyke, who reconverted it into a steam mill. The first lumber yard and planing mill was owned by A. B. Kingsley, and the first drug store by Dr. Rowley, who carried on his medical work as well. The creamery then in operation became the largest in the county.

In 1872 the graded school building, which stood near the stone quarry, was built.

Before 1875 the growth of the village was not rapid, but it was constant and gradual. From 1875 to 1900 the growth was quite noticeable.

Middleton supported several prosperous stores besides the one now

occupied by Maul, Schwab & Hinrichs. Where the tailor shop now stands, Charles Clauber operated a store. After his death it was vacant for a number of years, but was reopened about 1880 by Davis Bros. Richard Green had a good trade in the place where Burmester & Kruse Dry Goods store now stands, where he was in business until about 1885. The store now operated by Maul, Schwab & Hinrichs did a prosperous business, being one of the largest stores in the state. It was open on Sunday, and the best business was carried on on that day. The farmers, instead of buying ready-made overalls and jackets as they now do, bought bolts of denim and made them at home. They had all their goods charged and later paid with cream, butter, or eggs. A large poultry trade was carried on by the store. Turkeys were shipped in great quantity to Chicago and Boston markets. As many as 3,600 live turkeys were

on hand at one time. They also tried a system of packing eggs by means of a strong solution. When the immense tanks burst from the pressure of the weight of the eggs, dry cold storage was tried. However, a leak

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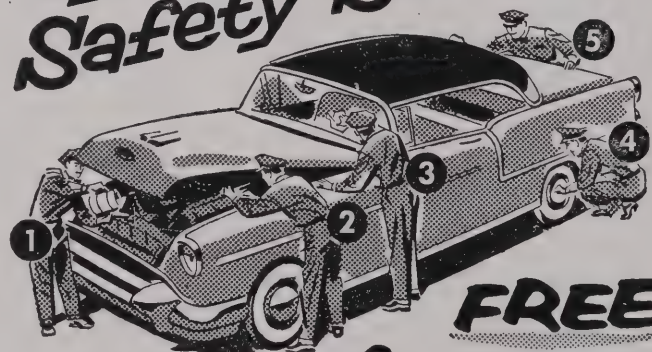


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in the ceiling caused the spoilage of all the eggs and the attempt was abandoned.

The creamery, owned by David Lyle about 1890, was the largest in the county. Cream was collected from farmers in the surrounding community, made into butter, and shipped in large quantities out of the state. Two years later William Hoffman started the mill which was destroyed by fire in 1900.

The Middleton Bottling Works, now owned by D. Sweet, had its beginning in 1894 under Darling & Ibenthal. Darling then operated it alone for a while and a little later Ibenthal & Busch bought it.

In June 1900 the village of Middleton was threatened to be destroyed by fire which started in Hoffman's mill. From the mill it spread to sheds in back of Brumm & Brumm's store, crept to the store itself, and quickly destroyed buildings as far as the one known as the Elk's Hotel, where it turned and made its way down to the place now occupied by Frank Durkopp, laying waste everything in its path. It also destroyed Coolidge's barn and went across the road from Durkopp's to the place where the hardware store now stands. A fire company come from Madison on

Appeal Launched Fire Department

A meeting to get a fire department started apparently began 56 years ago. Here's how it was reported in the Middleton Times-Herald for May 26, 1899:

"There are quite a few of our citizens who are desirous of organizing a fire department for the benefit of this village as well as others. A meeting for this purpose will be held at William Hoffman's Hall Saturday evening, May 26th. At this meeting an effort will be made to make arrangements for a celebration for the purpose of raising funds for this organization. This is a matter of great importance to the public and should be liberally encouraged by one and all. Do not fail to attend this meeting and assist in pushing this much needed enterprise forward."

a special train, but they were unable to do anything because of the absence of water. All of the fire fight-

ing was done by a bucket brigade. Rebuilding of the burned-over sections was begun immediately. Now, when we see the block of brick buildings, we almost have to admit that the fire, after all, was a blessing rather than a detriment to the community.

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A few years after the fire, in 1903, the bank was established and a larger high school, now the Masonic Temple, was built. Fifteen years later this too was found inadequate, and the present building was erected. Because of the danger from the stone quarry, the graded school building was condemned in 1910, and the present one was built.

F. Pierstorff had the first garage in the village where Walsh's Garage now stands.

The Gloss-All Polish Company and the Bur-Hi Artcraft Company are enterprises of recent date.

Since the developments in our village during the past 25 years have been principally toward factories, it



THAT CORN GAME — 30 years ago, when bingo was still legal in Wisconsin, the games at St. Bernard's were highly popular social occasions. Here are two views, the upper one showing a band playing for the crowd, and the other picturing people at tables under a tent.

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may be that those of this class of 33 remembered for their share in city improvement will be those who carry on the industrial work growing so rapidly in our neighboring city, and in embryo here.

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Because of the noble efforts of our fathers and grandfathers, we have been privileged to be graduated from high school and to enjoy the improvements of 85 years.

When this community reaches the century mark of settlement, the class of 1926 will probably be citizens of a village far advanced in industrial work and giving its children an even better opportunity for education than we have had these last 12 years.



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MADISON BUS—This was the first motorbus line to Madison, started by Fred Steckelberg with this vehicle in 1914. He sold his livery service to buy the bus.



MULE TRAIN—This mule train bearing military equipment passed Middleton June 25, 1912.

brother Charles he started to make the arrest, which they succeeded in doing, after which they brought him to this village with the stolen property, which consisted of buggy, harness, blankets and robe. A telegram was sent to Osage, Iowa, and the officer arrived here the 28th, paid the reward offered and took Anton Leimacher to Osage, Iowa, to stand trial. The officer was A. B. Lovejoy, county attorney of Osage, Iowa."

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MARKSMEN AT EASE—These members of the Middleton Rod and Gun Club, predecessor of the Middleton Sportsman's Club, are shown with their shotguns. The signs advertise Winchester arms. The picture dates from 1903.

Sportsmen's Club

The present Middleton Sportsmen's Club is an outgrowth of the old Middleton Gun Club which dated back to at least 1896. This club was originated primarily as a shooting club and they formerly did their trap shooting back of the Pines near the village dump.

The Club is in possession of a picture taken at a shoot in 1903. In 1953 the club honored Louis Orth, Fred Orth, Dr. A. G. Rowley (deceased), Dr. Chas. Allen, Frank Pierstorff, Al Hambrecht, Cy Green, Dr. Teckam and Russ Green as charter members and they were presented with Life Membership cards.

The modern version of the Club was reorganized in 1937 and held meetings in the Village Hall and at the Middleton High School. In 1947, the present site of the Club, which is located between Club Chanticleer and Morey Airport, was purchased and in 1949 the present clubhouse was started.

The Middleton Sportsmen's Club is still primarily a shooting club. In addition to pheasant rearing, the club now has two trap fields and one skeet field and on most Thursday nights a group of sportsmen can be found shooting trap under the lights.

The present clubhouse is the center of many local and nearby community activities. It has dining room and dancing facilities, as well as an

"A Bargain.—House and lot, planing mill, six horse power steam engine, circular saw, and all necessary machinery to do all kinds of carpenter work. A good chance for a contractor and builder. Would like to dispose of the property before April 1, 1899, as I have other business to attend to." — Gerhard Ripp, Middleton, Wis. — TIMES-HERALD Jan. 6, 1899.

indoor rifle range, which has been used advantageously by many of the youth of the community.

The dining facilities are under the direction and supervision of the Middleton Sportsmen's Club Auxiliary.

The Clubhouse, which is the club's pride and joy is unique in that at least ninety per cent of the materials, labor and construction was donated. The clubhouse was under construction for approximately four years and one of the main highlights was the grand opening, which was held June 20-21, 1953.

The present officers of the club are: Henry A. Raemisch, president; Vincent Saeman, vice-president; Willis Marty, secretary-treasurer; directors, John Postel, Fred Zarndt, F. A. Anderson, Jake Gronenthal, Roy Brumm and Carl Wettengel.

Club Auxiliary

On Monday, Aug. 9, 1954 a group of women met at the Middleton Sportsmen's Club to discuss the possibility of organizing an auxiliary. After each had voiced her opinion on the subject it was decided to elect officers and start what was to become known as the "Middleton Sportsmen's Club Auxiliary." Mrs. Henry Raemisch was elected its first president with other officers as follows: 1st vice president, Mrs. V. J. Schwenn, Middleton; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Vincent Saeman, Cross Plains; secretary, Mrs. F. A. Anderson, Madison; treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Kuepper, Middleton.

The purpose of such an organization was to unite the members in a spirit of friendliness and service.

Public dinners were served once a month but soon private dinners, wedding receptions, and other social affairs became so numerous that it became necessary to discontinue the first. As a result of their untiring efforts and hours of work the members are enjoying a remodeled kitchen with double stainless steel sinks and a garbage disposal, a powder room, ten-burner stove with two ovens, and a combination freezer and refrigerator.

The third Tuesday of each month is "Pot Luck Night".

Civic Club

The present Middleton Civic Club has a long history, for it is an outgrowth of different organizations. Perhaps the first organization to which the Civic Club can be traced was the Commercial Club organized in January 1924. The first officers were W. H. Pierstorff, president; John E. Hilgers, vice-president; O. H. Kruse, secretary, and Otto H. Burmeister, treasurer. Directors were Russell Green, George M. Schwab, and Charles E. Neumann. The aims of this group were primarily to make Middleton a better place to trade and to encourage new industries. Like many organizations, the Commercial Club flourished for a while and then interest lagged and the club disbanded.

In June 1931 a Lions Club was formed with L. W. Amborn as the first president. The interests of the Lions club were more varied. The Lions club had such projects as Garden Contests, Easter Egg Hunt, the development of the vacant lot back of the Schwab & Schwarz store into a park, and the erection of a bandstand in this park. In addition to Mr. Amborn, other presidents were V. J. Schwenn, T. R. Daniels, J. R. Green, Ben Denson, A. E. Schwartz and William Rabe.

In January 1937 the members voted to reorganize as the Middleton Civic Club. Mr. A. J. Meyer was elected president. The Civic Club sponsored various projects until curtailed by World War II. After a period of inactivity the present Civic Club was reorganized on October 11, 1944. Rev. F. A. Mack was elected president, Rev. E. T. Reiff, vice-president, and A. E. Schwartz, secretary-treasurer. During the first year the club sponsored a football banquet for the High School and a summer recreation program for the village youngsters. The club also encouraged all business places to close on Thursday afternoons during the summer. The same officers were re-elected in 1946 and the football



SPANNED CREEK—This iron bridge used to span Pheasant Branch Creek, on what is now Parmenter Street. The picture was taken in 1908.

banquet was changed to an Athletic Banquet so as to include all the High School athletes.

This was the first time a Halloween Party was held at the bandstand to minimize pranks or mischief in Middleton.

Presidents of the Middleton Civic Club have been:

- 1944-46—Rev. F. A. Mack
- 1947—Hans Koppke
- 1948—George Kuepper
- 1949—Herb Holmes
- 1950—Bruce Heebink
- 1951—Max Ellis
- 1952—Leonard Bruce
- 1953—Don Atkins
- 1954—George Hafstad
- 1955—Al Blaschke
- 1956—Edwin Tomlinson

Other officers at present are: Rev. Reed Forbush, vice-president, Hans Koppke, secretary and treasurer.

In the fall of 1952 many of the business men who were members of the Civic Club formed an organization of their own, the Middleton Businessmen Association. Although this left the Civic Club with only a small number of members it has carried on and even taken on added responsibilities. At present the Civic Club sponsors the High School Athletic Banquet annually. A plan has been worked out whereby the banquet is rotated among the three churches of the village. Each church makes in the vicinity of \$200 each time it serves the banquet. The Civic Club thus can be said to be helping all the churches of Middleton. In addition the Civic Club is the chief or-

Voters' Choice For Dogcatcher

Keeping dogs and horses in custody was one job that the electors had to fill at the turn of the century. Here are the winners of the local election, as reported in the Middleton Times-Herald April 7, 1899:

The following ticket was elected by the Democrats on Tuesday: Supervisors: W. F. Pierstorff (Chairman), W. J. Wolf, J. E. Miller. Town Clerk: Louis Watzke. Assessor: Ed. Tiedemann. Town Treasurer: W. J. Busch. Justices: Wm. Voss (2 years), Louis Watzke (2 yrs.), Chas. Schwenn (1 yr.), George Elver (1 yr.). Constables: Rudolph Westphal, William Lubcke, Otto H. Burmeister. Pound Master: Henry Schuster, Jr. Sec. of Free High School: J. E. Brumm.

ganization helping to sponsor the Middleton Youth Center or Cardinal Roost.

Weather permitting, a skating carnival with races for all ages of youngsters and even adults is held each winter. This year the Civic Club began sponsoring the planting of flowering crabapples throughout the village. Twelve trees were purchased and donated to the different churches and schools as a beginning. Next year more will be obtained and distributed. It is hoped that individuals also will plant flowering crabapples.

The Middleton Civic Club is composed of members who are interested in making Middleton a better place in which to live and rear youngsters. The organization encourages any resident of the village or area who is interested in civic improvement to become a member. In fact the Civic Club was the first organization to begin plans or suggestions for the Middleton Centennial.



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The Middleton State Graded School

The very early educational history of the Middleton area is not clear due to the absence of records.

Probably the first educational pioneer in the Middleton area was J. D. Sanford. He came to the Middleton Junction area from New Haven, Conn., and built his home in Section 27 (the Middleton Junction area). Being a former school teacher he established a private school in his home. However, in 1847 he erected a hewed log building at a cost of \$144 for use as a school, church and public building. This building was probably constructed in or near Section 27.

It is believed that the first school constructed in the present Village area was located on or near the present site of the Catholic Cemetery. It is believed that this building was constructed partly of logs and partly of sawed lumber and that it was later moved to the side of the Old Pheasant Branch School to become the first unit of the present two room building which was used as a school for more than 100 years. This building was used for school purposes until 1950 when the school was closed following the consolidation of that School District with the State Graded School District of Middleton.

A few living people in Middleton can still remember when in 1872 a one story stone building was constructed near the old stone quarry south of the railroad track. A few



NEW AND OLD SCHOOLS—The five-room graded school at left dates from 1913. The additions were in 1937 (center) and 1951 (right).

years later a second story of brick was added to the structure. This combined stone and brick building was used as the Middleton grammar school until it was destroyed by fire in 1884 or 1885. The present Village Hall was constructed as a school on or near the same site. This building was constructed in 1885 and was used as the grammar school until 1912. The pupil population had increased to such an extent by 1902 that the small brick building located at the corner of Terrace Avenue and Verona Street which had formerly been used as a high school was also used to house one or two grades after the new high school (now the Masonic Temple) had been constructed.

The five room graded school (old building) was constructed in 1911 and 1912 and was first used as a school in January 1913. The cost of construction of this building includ-

ing land of this building was approximately \$12,000. A second building was constructed at a cost of \$25,000 near the old building which consisted of four rooms and was used for the first time in September 1937. A large addition to the four room structure was built in 1950 and 1951 at a cost of \$185,000 and was used by graded school pupils for the first time in September 1951. The new addition consists of four large classrooms, a modern school kitchen and an all-purpose room and stage.

The elementary school population continued to grow rapidly and it was necessary to build an entirely new school on Branch Street which is known as The Sauk Trail School. This building was constructed in 1953 at a cost of \$140,000 including the land. The child population continued to grow so rapidly that two years later an addition consisting of five classrooms, a kitchen and a large all-purpose room, together with utility rooms, was constructed at a cost of \$85,000.

A few figures reflecting the growth of the enrollments at the Graded School, together with the number of teachers on the staff, are presented below:

	Gross enrollment	No. of teachers
1936-37	213	6
1940-41	236	10
1943-44	286	10
1946-47	247	11
1949-50	241	11
1950-51	342	14
1951-52	386	14
1952-53	485	17
1953-54	490	21
1954-55	614	23
1955-56	665	27



CLASS OF 1909—This is the grade school class of 1909, posed outside of the old schoolhouse, now the village hall. At left is Mollie Astell, the teacher.

With the growth of the Village of Middleton and the resultant increase in the school population have come requests for additional enrichment activities as a part of the school curriculum. The music program has been expanded to include both vocal and instrumental instruction. A physical education program has been introduced on all levels under specially prepared teachers.

The basic philosophy of the school is to start where the child is and to guide and direct his educational activities along the line of progress toward that point where he ought to be, as far and as rapidly as the child's welfare and all other conditioning factors will permit. It is the whole child that is given consideration. His physical well-being, his mental health, his spiritual and character health as well as his academic progress are today the end-goals of the school program.

"F. C. Beuthin says he is doing well in the cow alley."—TIMES-HERALD July 28, 1899.



THE OLD SCHOOL—What is now the village hall served as the Middleton graded school from about 1889 to 1914. It stood on Terrace Avenue near the stone quarry, and a nearby stone house was the high school. The wooden school building was moved to its present site on Hubbard Street when the new graded school was built in 1914.

It is good wheeling, and good skating; but poor sleighing.—TIMES-HERALD Jan. 20, 1899.

Graded School P.T.A.

By EVELYN MERGEN

Twenty-five mothers assembled at the Middleton Graded School on Oct. 7, 1926 to organize a Mothers-Teachers Club. The officers were: president, Mrs. Schmale; vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Walsh; secretary, Mrs. Chas. Schwenn; treasurer, Mrs. Schultz. The regular meeting date was set as the third Wednesday of the month.

In 1935, this group took advantage of the opportunity to secure a vocal teacher through the Works Project Administration and by paying her transportation and buying materials the ground work was laid for a music program for the pupils of the four room graded school.

An interesting series of folk dance instructions were offered for 2 years beginning in 1937, again having a Works Project instructor and the Mother-Teacher group assuming the extra expenses.

On April 19, 1939, the group was reorganized, drew up a constitution and was officially named the Mother's Club. They became members of the Rural Federation of Mothers' Clubs.

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FLAG CEREMONY—A flag ceremony, with all the children in costume, was held on the grade school grounds near the old quarry when this picture was taken about 1897. The school building, at rear, later was moved to Hubbard Street and became the village hall.

This group, in 1948 requested and contributed to the first hot lunch program. One salaried cook was employed and an assistant was furnished by each mother taking a turn. All the kitchen equipment was bought by this group. During this same year they sponsored the first Girl Scouts of the village. A 'back to school' night was planned to inform and interest parents in their child's school day. In May, 1952, by majority vote of the general assembly it became affiliated with the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

In the past four years the organization has set up a yearly series of square dances for grade school children with 400 participating in an evening's time. They are sponsoring a series of Saturday afternoon movies during the school year—films are selected by the committees, clergymen, school principals, in co-operation with the local theatre.

The Fall Festival has become a big event of the year with a record attendance of over a thousand.

Through the thirty years of this group runs the thread of loyal and diligent service to better the relationships amongst the home, school,

"Mr. John Sanftleben had the misfortune to have one of his legs broken twice Saturday evening while returning home from this village. One of the whiffletrees broke and let the tongue drop which caused the team to run away."—TIMES-HERALD July 21, 1899.

and community. Many pieces of equipment in the school have been made possible through the financial aid of the organization — bicycle racks, kitchen equipment, record players, radios, tape recorders, playground equipment, movie projectors and many too numerous to mention, stand testimony to the many hours of labor put in bake sales, fall festivals and other events.

To those who felt the need of such an organization when the community and school were small, we extend our appreciation. But to recall the many who have served would only mean some would be omitted, as each one has helped to create and perpetuate the objectives.

Sauk Trail T.P.G.

By MRS. R. W. BAKER

The Sauk Trail Teacher-Parent Group was organized in February of 1955 at which time a group of interested parents who had expressed the desire to form such a group met in the kindergarten room of the new school to vote upon which type of organization would be the most preferred. Previous to this time (the school opened in December, 1953) the parents of the Sauk Trail School worked cooperatively with the Parent Teacher Association of the Elm Lawn school to promote better cooperation between parents and teachers and to improve the conditions which surrounded the children in the two schools. Anticipating the formation of an organization at the Sauk Trail School, the P.T.A. set aside \$50 for the years of 1954 and 1955 and presented the \$100 to the Teacher-Parent Group when it became officially organized on Feb. 23, 1955.

The parents voted to have a Teacher-Parent Group rather than have two Parent-Teacher Associations in Middleton as it was suggest-

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ed that two strong organizations might result in a weakness in both. The organizations of both schools worked together on fund raising projects such as the Cornstalk Carnival, Square Dancing Program and the Clothing Sale to secure funds for the purchasing of articles most needed at both schools.

The first official meeting of the T.P.G. was held on April 15, 1955, at which time the constitution chairman, Mrs. G. Johnson, presented the articles of the constitution, which were amended, approved and accepted by the group. The nominating committee, headed by Mrs. I. Bell and Mrs. J. Brumm, presented the slate of officers and the following were elected: president, Mrs. R. W. Baker; vice-president, Mrs. F. Legois; secretary, Mrs. J. Baer (later replaced by Mrs. B. H. Pond); treasurer, Mrs. G. Boyce, and teacher-representative, Mrs. Short.

We believe the highlight of the year has been the securing of a portable stage for the school and this was possible because of the efforts of Mr. R. Sakrison and Mr. B. H. Pond who worked together to construct the stage, and of Mr. G. Johnson who donated the plywood. New officers are: president, Mrs. A. Mergen; vice president, Mrs. B. H. Pond; secretary, Mrs. R. Solem; treasurer, Mrs. V. Karpowitz, and teacher representative, Mrs. G. Monogue.

William Muetz lost his team in Lake Mendota on Wednesday while crossing with a load of pop. He went into the water himself and had a narrow escape, but was fortunate enough to save his wagon and harness. This is quite a severe loss for William. — TIMES-HERALD Jan. 20, 1899.

Middleton Woman's Club

By MRS. JOHN KRUSE

"Service for Human Welfare, to be brought about by a group of interested women in a community who could be depended upon to promote all movements looking toward the betterment and enrichment of human life", was the thought in the minds of fifteen women who met at the home of Mrs. O. E. Burmester on Nov. 2, 1920. This was election day, the first time Wisconsin women voted on an equal basis with men. After discussion, it was decided to have an organized center for thought and action. Any interested woman could apply for membership. The organization was to be non-political and non-sectarian. Through the years these ideals have been kept.

The charter members were Mmes. O. E. Burmester, C. Stubenvoll, Henry Pierstorff, Gus Kutz, Martin Goth, T. A. Everill, V. J. Schwenn, John Kruse, R. DiVall, A. O. Utter, C. Peterson, E. F. Wittenburg, E. H. Tiedeman, and the Misses Louise Coolidge and Louise Kruse. Honorary members were Mrs. Clara Coolidge and Mrs. William Durkopp.

The Club is primarily a study club with a social trend included to balance the more serious side. The first year's study was that of our state, Wisconsin, followed by that of the rest of the United States, section by section, then in turn the nations and peoples of the world. Topics of timely general interest, and many guest speakers have been heard.

The first officers were Mrs. John Kruse, president; Mrs. Kutz, vice-president; Mrs. Schwenn, secretary; and Mrs. Burmester, treasurer. Its past presidents are: Mmes. Kruse, Peterson, (Miss) Ella Dreger, Alex

Summer, Margaret Gunnison, William Rabe, William Chandler, Jesse Gray, F. O. Denson, Martin Goth, H. E. Skott, Paul Phillips, A. C. Utter, E. Barkhahn, William Bauman, Henry Raemisch, A. F. Blaschke, William Hudson. Mrs. L. F. Motl will preside the coming year, with a present membership of 74.

Through the years the Club has never failed to contribute to community benefits as well as to many other charitable needs. Highlighting its service record is the organization and sponsoring of the Middleton Public Library. Starting with a shelf of books in a dry goods store, and with the club members contributing a book or two, the library has grown to include 3,700 volumes, housed in a large room in the village hall. Instead of the early efforts of the club with every known money-raising device to finance the library, the village and the township provides tax-supported funds for its upkeep, and the services of a licensed librarian, Mrs. Lois Malcolm, who is also a club member. The club still contributes liberally, having given last year a Webster's Unabridged dictionary, World Atlas, and an Encyclopedia. It is proud that the number of books circulated last year totaled 26,776, and that there were 273 new readers. Many memorial books are also contributed. A story hour for children is held during the summer.

In 1944 the Club became a member of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs. Mrs. Barkhahn and Mrs. Raemisch have been president of the Dane County Federated Woman's Clubs, and other members held other county and district offices. A member, Mrs. A. H. Muehlmeier, is the author of the Wisconsin State Federation Hymn,

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COMMUNITY CHURCH NEARS NEW HOME



The new Community Church building.

In February, 1935, a group of Christian people, who were not of the Lutheran or Catholic faith, felt the need of a Sunday School program for their children, and so they activated the Community Sunday School. Next a women's organization, to be known as the Community Guild, came into being that same summer. In January, 1936, the church proper was organized with a board of directors, a finance committee and a membership committee. In April, 1936, under the leadership of the Reverend George Berry and the Church Board, the Covenant was signed and the Church was officially begun.

It was a group of 34 original members who pledged themselves—"For the glory of God, for the service of our fellow-men, and the mutual assistance in our Christian life, the undersigned agree to become charter members of the Community Church Organization of 'The Little White Church on the Hillside'." This original Fellowship was as follows: Mrs. Walter Bauman, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Boulting, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gunnison, Mr. and Mrs. William Lemcke, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lemcke* Miss Lydia E. Lemcke*, Miss Florence R. Lemcke* Mrs. Mary MacKenzie, Mrs. George MacLean*, Mrs. Arlene Morhoff*, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Muehlmeier*, Miss Sofia Nicolazzo, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rabe*, Mr. and Mrs.

William J. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Sommer, Mrs. G. Stace*, Mr. and Mrs. William Stekelberg*, Mrs. R. R. Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stockland, Mrs. Caroline Vath*, Miss Verna Vath*, Mrs. Emil Zentner.

The Church was later legally incorporated as "The Middleton Community Church".

The church members agreed to hold services in the church building on Aurora Street, which had first been erected by early settlers in 1870. This early Church had been built through the combined efforts of the Baptist and Methodist congregations then functioning.

Because there had been a ten-year lapse when the church building was not used, between the years 1926-1936, it took a major repair and remodeling program to get things into operating order for the Community Church. On June 12, 1938 the Church was rededicated.

During the summer of 1938 the Rev. George Berry resigned to go into educational work. He was followed by the Rev. Wayne Weidemann, who served the church for two years. He in turn was succeeded by the Rev. Earle Cairns, who served one year. In 1941, the Rev. Oscar Stanke was officially installed as pastor of the Church. He served the Community Church at the same time

he served as resident pastor of the Belleville Methodist Church. After serving seven years, he resigned in June, 1948.



The old Church building.

In August, 1948, the congregation called its first resident pastor in the person of the Rev. Linus Wierwill. His ministry continued four years until August, 1952, when he accepted a call from the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Lafayette, Ind.

The Church had supply preachers until June, 1953, when the present pastor, the Rev. Reed Forbush, accepted the call.

Looking in retrospect, the growth of the congregation was slow and gradual at first, making its most significant gains since 1950. By 1940 the Church had a membership of 60; by 1950 the membership reached 180; to date, August 1956, membership stands at 400.

The building developments of the Middleton Community Church have marked the most recent activity of the Church. On its new property on Elmwood and Maple Streets in the Middleton Heights area, the congregation has constructed both a parsonage and a new church building: April, 1953 a three bedroom ranch style home was completed as the parsonage; September, 1956, is the date set for the dedication of the new \$100,000 church building.

Covenant members of our congregation will look lovingly back over their shoulder to the days of "The Little White Church on the Hillside," only to turn their eyes forward to catch a vision of a great new era in the life of the Middleton Community Church.

*Presently members of the Middleton Community Church.

Community Church Women's Guild

On Aug. 4, 1935 a group of women of the Community Church met to organize a unit to do the work that only women seem to accomplish in any church. They were guided by the same motive that guided the handful of people who founded the Community Church: a desire to give a group of people of varied opinions and religious trainings and past memberships in various other Protestant churches a place and opportunity to worship, each in his own way, and to help such a church to better serve the community. When the name Community was chosen for the church and the guild name, the members meant just that: service to the community.

The Guild membership has kept pace with the growth of the church, and in the 21 years the guild has been an active organization, they have seen many good things come to pass for the Sunday School, church, and guild's betterment and enjoyment.

While organized primarily for the practical working help and aid they could render the church and Sunday school, they have been ever civic-



MAIL STOP—By 1921 the post office had been rearranged, but it was still in the same building on the corner of Hubbard and Parmenter and was in charge of Mrs. Schroeder. Standing in the center, Fred DuFrenne. Bottom poster reads, Junior Play, "A Fragile Rose," Friday, April 15, 1921.

minded and have given generously to worthy civic projects that were for the good of the community. Yet it has kept its identity as an organization with the first and foremost aim to worship God by serving His children, believing in the brotherhood of man.

The guild has grown in numbers and in experience and is proud of its place in the community. One of the things that Community Guild is especially proud of and which we feel has grown over the years is Guild Guest Day. Started by Community Guild to offer the women of other church groups a chance for fellowship together with them and to become better acquainted, it has become a custom in the community among other groups as well as Community Guild.

The first officers named to pilot this organization were: president, Mrs. George G. MacLean; vice president, Mrs. William Boulting; secretary, Mrs. Emil Zentner; treasurer, Mrs. Carl Stockland. The present officers in 1956 are: president, Mrs. Richard Summers; vice president, Miss Verna Vath; secretary, Mrs. Dwayne Schmaltz; treasurer, Mrs. John Fumusa; co-chairmen for the Bazaar, Mrs. Al Groth and Mrs. Conrad Carriere.

Varmint Slain By Inhabitant

Varmints roamed the streets of Middleton scarcely half a century ago, but the inhabitants were always ready to do battle. Here's how one such encounter was reported in the Middleton Times-Herald of June 9, 1899:

"Dr. A. A. Rowley killed a genuine copper-head snake that measured four feet and six inches in front of his residence in the dooryard Sunday."

Poetical Ad Sang of Drink

How many have enjoyed a certain harmless beverage, celebrated thus in a poetical advertisement of the Middleton Times-Herald for April 7, 1899?

"Open the door, let in the air,
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are fair,
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Tea."

Future Farmers Of America

The Middleton Chapter of Future Farmers of America was organized in 1941 with regular charter and membership of 28 boys.

The Future Farmers of America was organized to promote better farm practices and conditions. The chapter has worked hard over a period of years under a supervised practice program to develop over 1,000 head of dairy calves into producing dairy cows on some 150 farms.

Each year the chapter has tested over 1,100 producing dairy cows and records are kept for milk and butterfat production. If any of these cows were below standard they were culled out and sold on the market.

The chapter also carried on a mastitis control program to help eliminate this disease and increase profits.

During the year our chapter carries on a soil testing service for farmers, for use of lime and complete fertilizers. Maps are made and complete records are kept for future use for checking on improvements of soil conditions. Each boy is trained to test soil and make proper readings for use of lime and fertilizer. Many of the boys make soil testing a farm skill and keep records the same as for other enterprises in the program.

Soil conservation is also one of the enterprises carried on, starting with general soils and crops and ending with exercises in use of transit and level where contour strips are planned and grades are determined. Also the boys learn how to find grades in fields and other farm structures.

Officers are Roger Matz, president; Mark Kalscheur, vice-president; Merlin Shimniok, secretary; Donald Acker, treasurer; Charley Anderson, reporter; and Raymond W. Davis, advisor.



1922 MARKET DAY—The first Market Day was held in 1912, and here Fred Zarndt (behind tractor) demonstrates one of the old Fordson tractors, in front of the old Hoffman Building, where the village parking lot is now located. Left to right are James Dumphy, Hy. Baltes, William Schneiders, Walter Hambrecht, Emil Engel, Charles Hanusa, Zarndt, Alfred Zander, Otto Burmeister, Henry Rung, Carl Glunz, Emil Dreger, George Hank and Elroy Pierstorff.

Know Your Neighbor Club

By **PATRICIA WILKINSON**

On a Thursday night in March, 1953, the original Newcomers Club of Middleton voted to change its name to Know Your Neighbor Club, with the new charter stating that any woman in the village would be welcome to join in the social life which the club offered.

Middleton in 1949, with its rapid influx of new residents, felt that there was a common need for orientation and friendship in the community, which could be best fulfilled through the welcome of an established social group created for that purpose.

In October, the Woman's Club of Middleton, under the presidency of the late Mrs. William Bauman, founded the Newcomers Club. Names of new residents were procured from the postmaster, Mr. Ed

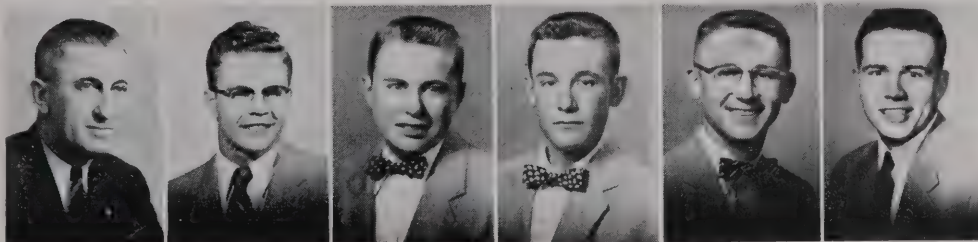
Murphy, and two hundred cards were sent out announcing the club's formation. The first meeting was held on Oct. 26, 1949, with Mrs. Otto Muetz of the Woman's Club presiding, aided by Miss Lavonna Wittenburg.

The first slate of officers elected included Mrs. Russell Foster, president; Mrs. R. J. Schultz, vice president; Mrs. L. R. Stewart, secretary; Mrs. David Eastwood, treasurer.

Later presidents serving the club have been Mrs. David Eastwood, 1950; Mrs. Robert Grummer, 1951; Mrs. Milton Emerich, 1952; Mrs. Charles Owens, 1953; Mrs. E. I. Thrasher, 1954; Mrs. Robert Wilkinson, 1955; and currently Mrs. Carl Kern.

Thirty to forty women belong to the Know Your Neighbor Club, which meets the second Thursday evening of every month in the village hall, from September through April.

The club still maintains its original intent of providing a welcome to newcomers, but has increased its scope to include any woman resident of long-time standing who wishes to maintain friendship ties there. The club hopes for a long future of serving a worthy need in the community.



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Girl Scouts

Girl Scouting started at Middleton in the spring of 1948 when three troops were organized. A total of 83 girls and 17 adults registered.

At that time there had been an active group of Girl Reserves for several years. Leaders were Mrs. Henry Raemisch, Mrs. A. J. Meyer, and Mrs. E. T. Rasmussen. However, since this group was only for seventh and eighth graders, Mrs. Raemisch and Mrs. Meyer contacted the Girl Scouts in order to broaden the program to include younger girls.

Thirty Brownies formed Troop 100. The leaders were Mrs. Henry Raemisch, Mrs. Jake Gronenthal, and Mrs. Hjalmar Forsmo, with Mrs. Roland Busch, Mrs. Harvey Teckam, and Mrs. Roland Knoche as troop committee members.

There were 32 Intermediates in Troop 75. Mrs. Maurice Wermuth and Mrs. Martin Holzem were troop leaders. Mrs. E. T. Reiff, Mrs. Wendell Myhre, and Mrs. LaVaughn Anderson were on the troop committee. In the fall Mrs. Roy Brumm was also asked to assist this troop when Mrs. Wermuth was unable to continue as leader.

A troop of older Intermediates, which soon became Senior Wing



COURT OF HONOR—Middleton Girl Scouts are shown holding their first Court of Honor, in the Civic Park bandshell, on June 4, 1950. (Photo by Ted Raccoli)

Scouts, was organized by Mrs. A. J. Meyer, Mrs. Clarence Miller, and Mrs. E. T. Rasmussen. Committee members were Mrs. Fred Malcolm, Mrs. A. E. Schwartz, and Mrs. Scott Lucas. There were 21 girls in Troop 117.

In 1956 the village has 14 troops with 160 girls and 75 adult assistants. These include Troop 100 at high school; 5 troops at Elm Lawn; 4 troops at Sauk Trail; and 4 troops at St. Bernard's. These troops are

part of Black Hawk Council which covers six districts including Madison and numerous adjacent communities in 8 counties.

Neighborhood chairmen in 1956 are: Mrs. J. R. Schultz, Elm Lawn; Mrs. A. J. Mergen, Sauk Trail; Mrs. Russeline Grymes, St. Bernard's. One treasurer, Mrs. Fred Liegois, serves all three neighborhoods to co-ordinate distribution of money obtained from the Youth Fund Drive.

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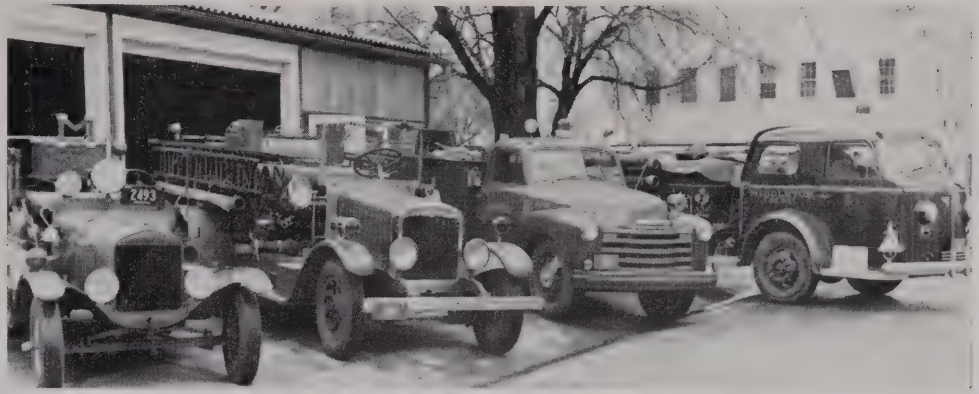
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Fire Company

On Feb. 4, 1901 the Middleton Fire Co. No. 1 was re-organized. The meeting was held in what was at that time known as the August Schroeder Hall. F. W. DuFrenne was elected president pro tem and T. A. Everill was elected temporary secretary. At this meeting A. C. Jacobi, W. H. Pierstorff and T. A. Everill were appointed on the committee to prepare a new set of bylaws which were to be ready for presentation at the next meeting on March 12, 1901. A. C. Jacobi, Wm. Hoffman and O. H. Burmeister were appointed on the committee to raise funds by subscription.

On April 18, 1901 the suggested constitution was presented and adopted and the regular officers were elected. They were: chief, H. F. Prehn; marshal, W. S. Green; assistant marshal, T. J. Whalen; assistant foreman, W. H. Pierstorff; trustees, J. H. Brumm, Wm. Hoffman Sr., and W. F. Pierstorff. After the first year the office of trustee was discontinued.

Charter members were: J. H. Brumm, O. H. Burmeister, John Dahlk, Frank Day, Herman Dohse, T. A. Everill, O. H. Elvert, W. S. Green, Wm. Hoffman Sr., A. C. Jacobi, August Lamboley, H. J. Niebuhr, F. L. Pierstorff, W. F. Pierstorff, W. H. Pierstorff, H. F. Prehn, Louis Russ, Chas. Schneider, Herman Schulenberg, J. M. Stricker, R. J.



FIRE DEPT. EQUIPMENT—This is the rolling stock of the Middleton Fire Department, drawn up before the garage, and covering 30 years in age.

Tiedeman, Anton Van Edig and T. J. Whalen.

H. F. Prehn acted as chief until he resigned in 1921. W. S. Green then acted as chief for a short time. On Feb. 2, 1924, Rudolph Miller took over the duties of chief and served until March 7, 1928 when J. J. Walsh was named chief and served until his death in 1934. Ed. Burmeister was then appointed chief and served until Jan. 10, 1949 except for the time he was in the armed service. During this interim Henry Sander was appointed acting chief. On Jan. 10, 1949, Clarence Zimmerman was elected chief and is the present chief.

Secretaries of the organization have been T. A. Everill, F. L. Pierstorff, O. H. Burmeister, Wm. Corcoran and Melvin N. Bachmann, who is the present secretary.

The first piece of equipment purchased by this newly reorganized de-

partment on June 10, 1901 was a hook and ladder truck from the Dodgeville Co. through the efforts of John Dahlk and W. H. Pierstorff. This was a hand pulled truck weighing 2,000 pounds. In 1902, Otto Burmeister, who was operating the livery dray, had a tongue made for this truck and used his dray team to pull the truck. The dray team was kept harnessed from early morning until 10:00 p.m. so as to be ready, if needed. Even in those days the department was known for its speed, for many of the old timers recall times when the fire truck was on its way in less than two minutes after the bell rang.

The first fire equipment was housed in a building which was purchased from Mrs. F. L. Hoffman for \$85. It was moved to a spot across the street from where the present Village Hall now stands. Some time later it was moved to where the



MIDDLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT—Here are the members, pictured in 1956: Row 1: Fred Orth, H. J. Busch, Henry Schulenberg, Iver Hagen, Elmer Schmale, Clarence Zimmerman, Fr. Alfred P. Endres, Henry Sander, Wilson Groth, Melvin Bachmann, John Zarndt, Delmer Steckelberg, George Thomas. Row 2: Marland Busch, Louis Dresen, Cy Mock, James Becker, James Maulbetsch, Jake Schlump, Leonard Lamberty, L. E. Gruber, Kenneth Meehan, Ed. Hickman, Alfred Stuckl Jr., Harvey Gudel, Blake Lawrence. Row 3: Carl Rettenmund, James Westphal, Fred Grabandt, Oliver McChesney, Charles Erdman, Ernest Carlson, Richard Carlson, Arthur Fenster, Alfred Tiedeman, Troy Smith, Harold Busch, Tom Daniels. Row 4: Arthur Kahl, Wayne Brumm, Donald Adler, George Creasey, Marland Braun, Walter Dobson, Harven Denner, Arvid Denner, Lowell Busch, Kenneth Sanftleben, Vic Adler. Row 5: Merrill Walling, Vincent Acker, Ed Steffens, Emil Niebuhr, Roland Knoche, Bart McChesney, Franklin Grob. Members not present: Allen Albright, Clair Larson, Norman Tesch, Vernon Denner, Roy Brumm, W. J. Burmeister, Marion Davis, Edward Murphy, Richard Scheel, Charles Steckelberg, August Schroeder.

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Standard Oil Station is now located. Later on the village purchased the building which is now known as the Village Hall. The fire equipment was stored in the basement of this building until April 1949 when this space was no longer large enough to house all the equipment and the present temporary Fire Station was erected on Hubbard Avenue.

As time moved on and the fire truck drawn by horses was outmoded, a Model-T Ford truck was purchased and used for several years. In 1929 the town of Middleton purchased a Peter Pirsch Fire Truck and at that time the Village of Middleton entered into a contract with the town of Middleton to maintain, man and house the truck and thereby serve the township as well as the village. This contract expired and a new agreement between the village and the surrounding territory was reached in December 1947. This area is now known as the Middleton Fire District and the present Middleton Volunteer Fire Department personnel services an area of 85 square miles.

As the present Fire District de-

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veloped additional equipment was needed. In November 1948 a new American LaFrance 12 cylinder fire truck was purchased. This truck is equipped with a 750 gallon pump

and 500 lbs. pressure and has both fog and cellar nozzles and a 500 gallon water tank. The cab is enclosed and has seating capacity for several men. On Sept. 15, 1951 a Chevrolet Tank Truck with a 1,000 gallon capacity was added to the equipment. This tank truck is used on all fire calls outside of the village limits.

The Peter Pirsch, American LaFrance and Chevrolet tank truck are the working equipment of the department today. The Model-T Ford truck is still in working order but has been retired from active duty and is used mainly for parades and exhibits of old fire fighting equipment.

At present there are 42 active members and 25 retired members on the Middleton Volunteer Fire Department. Present officers are: chief, Clarence Zimmerman; assistant chief, Elmer Schmale; captain, James Becker; lieutenant, Leonard Lamberty; 2nd lieutenant, Wilson Groth; secretary, Melvin N. Bachmann; treasurer, J. M. Schlump, and fire marshal, James Maulbetsch.

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HISTORY OF ST. BERNARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH—Built in 1889, and later enlarged, St. Bernard's Catholic Church is about to be replaced by a new church edifice seating 800 persons. In the foreground is the travelers' shrine.

By **FR. FERDINAND A. MACK**

The history of any church must necessarily speak of the things of God. It is, therefore, with the prayer of the great prophet on the lips, that fire and zeal and inspiration and enlightenment may fill the heart and soul as thoughts journey back to the founding days of St. Bernard Catholic Church.

The rough paths that led to St. Raphael and Holy Redeemer Catholic Churches of Madison had been trodden many, many times by those who faithfully professed the Catholic creed, before a sufficient number gathered together to organize a station of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee here in our lovely community of Middleton. Warm encouragement, through the sacrificing efforts of a Father Mathias Gerend, was given to the handful especially under the leadership of such families as DuFrenne, Stricker, Gruetter, Van Edig, Schneider, Dick and Walsh. Never deterred by the fact that their leader must come at irregular visits since he held the pastorates of St. Mary of the Lake, Westport, and St. John the Baptist at Waunakee, they carried on. Under his care they persevered until they had acquired the parcel of property what has since proven to be Middleton's most important corner—Parmenter and Whittlesey (now University Avenue).

Golden-Topped Cane

Naturally, consideration of the Patron to the Church received much at-

tention. The author remembers John E. Hilgers (residing on Terrace Avenue) and the late Anthony Van Edig, exchanging the tale of the golden-topped cane that had been awarded to the one who had gathered the greatest amount of contributions for the little chapel, the cornerstone of which was laid in 1889. To the winner of the golden-topped cane was given the honor of selecting the name of the station church. At first the name of St. William was considered, but that sense of humility that so characterized the devout pioneer, caused William DuFrenne to veto such a distinction and select the name of St. Bernard in memory of Bernard Gruetter, the step-father of the late Anthony Van Edig and one of the very generous contributors of those founding years.

Early in the history of the little congregation, disappointment filled the souls of the parishioners when the announcement was made that their talented Missionary Pastor, Father Gerend, had been appointed the Rector of the Catholic Normal School located in Milwaukee County, known throughout the state as Pio Nono of St. Francis. Unselfishness again surmounted the impediment and with distance lending enchantment, Father Gerend traveled many, many times between Milwaukee and Middleton to serve his little flock until late in 1898, when Middleton's Catholic Church became a full-fledged Mission with the pastor of St. Peter of Ashton, Father Francis

Ruhmann, placed "in charge". He was succeeded in July of 1905 by Father Joseph E. Heyde. His tenure of office, 13½ years, is remembered with affection and devotion by many of the present parishioners. Few were the developments during those years, yet somehow the little group "kept the Faith".

Dear to the hearts of the entire community are the years of service of the cheerful, happy-go-lucky, yet truly Christlike leader and shepherd, the late Msgr. (Father) Joseph Lederer. What memories were recalled when Father Lederer returned to observe his Golden Jubilee just a few years back, at a public reception. Members of all churches found their hand clasped with friendship and affection as the clear and smiling eyes of Father Lederer greeted them. It was during the days of Father Lederer that the church was enlarged to its present dimensions and additional property was acquired. How well he and the trustees of his day planned. Many a little memory was recalled for the benefit of the author by Father Lederer's very faithful trustee, friend and contractor, the late Math Simon.

The Depression Years

The years of the depression recall the brief pastorate of Father George Miller and the difficult days that were weathered so nobly and bravely by Father Peter Hildebrand. No doubt, due to the pleadings of Father Hildebrand the Mission finally became a full-fledged parish church in June 1940 during the short period of service of Father Nicholas Schneider.

Europe, already at war, was demanding services of the first sons of the parish in preparation for World War II, even as the first pastor arrived in the person of Father Ferdinand A. Mack—still serving as pastor and who, more than any other priest, has experienced the tremendous growth of the parish. Restless were those days and yet in retrospect—so very important—growth just could not be stopped. In September 1940, the George Groth home with its acre of land was acquired by the parish. Plans were being made for the building of the school and as a result, the Beuthin property, site of the existing rectory, was acquired in 1943.

In September 1946, a great day dawned for the Church, and definitely also for the community, as the doors of St. Bernard School were opened for the first time to the children of the primary school. Sisters Mary Florian and Jane Frances, members of St. Francis of Assisi Convent, St. Francis, Wisconsin, were the first teachers. Sister Jane Frances serves today not only as a member of the teaching faculty but also as the Superior of the Franciscan Community which today numbers eight.

School Opened in '49

The doors of the new school, modern to the nth degree at that time, were opened in September 1949. The beginning, with only six rooms being used, has proved itself again and again to be "only the beginning". Today the school is much too small for the needs of the congregation. First the kindergarten and next the first grade were dropped from the curriculum. The enrollment has been 350 the last few years. Again and again the officers of the parish are reminded by enthusiastic parishioners that more rooms should be added to the school.

In 1952, plans were drawn for the erection of a new parish house. The architect, John J. Flad & Associates, who had designed the school, was likewise chosen for this task. It is to the everlasting credit of those who were members of the parish from 1952 to 1954 that the house was not only built but paid for at a cost of \$70,000.

Even as this history is being written, growth shows itself again as the parish, which in 1940 numbered approximately 125 families, counts in excess of 550 today—that plans are being drawn for the erection of a

new church. It is hoped to locate the modern cruciform structure on the site of the present church with a seating capacity of at least 800. Once again, time alone will tell, so that history might record, the devotion and zeal of the people of St. Bernard Catholic Church.

"Priests in Charge"

The history of St. Bernard Parish would not be complete without a word about those who have assisted the various "priests in charge" during the close to 70 years of its existence.

Members of various religious communities have served the congregation from time to time. During the latter '30's, the second Mass became necessary on each Sunday. With Father Peter Hildebrand having the obligation at St. Peter Parish, Ashton, the Norbertine Fathers of Madison traveled here weekly to serve the parish. As early as 1941, a third Mass, then in 1942, a fourth Mass were added to the regular Sunday program of service. The Norbertine Fathers, finding it impossible to continue their services after the Summer of 1941, the Redemptorist Fathers of Immaculate Conception Seminary, located on Lac La Belle, Oconomowoc, have come here each week since then to offer their services. The members of the congregation feel deeply grateful not only for their services but especially for their kind and fatherly devotion.

Shortly after the City of Madison became the See of a Bishop in March of 1946, and with the post-World War II growth of the community noticeable, application was made to Bishop O'Connor for a full-time assistant. Father Bernard Amhrein, though never physically strong, endeared himself during the

years of his service—in 1946 to 1948 and 1950—by his energetic and enthusiastic devotion. It is most unusual, in the history of the Diocese, to find that one cousin should succeed the other and so it was that Father Peter Amhrein, having been ordained but a few weeks prior to his appointment to Middleton, was loaned to the Diocese by the late Archbishop Kiley of Milwaukee and commissioned to serve the parish for nine months.

Short periods of service during the closing months of 1950 and the first half of 1951, were given successively by Father Roger Idzikowski and the refugee of Communistic Hungary, Father Ladislao Szepe. Father Szepe is remembered for his great linguistic feats. Arriving in this country in November of 1950 with practically no knowledge of the English language, he nevertheless managed the language sufficiently to preach a ten-minute sermon the following March.

Blessed indeed was the day in June of 1951 that brought Father Alfred Endres, a native of Cross Plains, Wisconsin, to serve as full time curate. His zeal and all-inclusive love of humanity is known by the entire community. He is assisted today by a member of the Episcopal Curia in the person of Father Raymond Klass who serves daily at the Diocesan Chancery as Secretary to the Matrimonial Tribunal of the Diocese.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

The Men — Important indeed are the lay organizations of active parish life. It is true that one hears many times today that we are becoming overly organized and yet, with the full understanding of man being a social being and with the great commandment of God ever in

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our hearts, "Love your neighbor", the Church has always promoted a full program of lay activity under the direction of pastors.

Back in the days of Father Joseph Lederer, the men were grouped under the banner of the Confraternity of the Holy Name of Jesus.

The prime purpose of this organization is to give public acknowledgement and worship to God through the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. True as it is that public acknowledgement be given by both men and women, Holy Church continues to preach in this modern world that man is the head of the family.

"Leader and King"

The fulfillment of the purpose of this society is found in bringing the men together at the Altar of God and to respect—as well as to fight and die for—a "Leader and King" who has given evidence of His justice and mercy. The public program offers opportunity of professing one's Faith and occasion for the development of personal sanctification. At no time is the organization to forget this two-fold idea. Always must it be vigilant so that no unscrupulous member may attempt to foster his own personal, political or business ambitions.

It is to the pride and glory of the men of St. Bernard that they have throughout these many years upheld to the fullest the purposes of the organization. Manfully have they kept the spiritual with the fraternal. They have built not only figuratively, but literally, temples enshrined in the material and temples that are known only to the Divine eyes.

Especially, in these days so marked by a tendency on the part of all age groups to delinquency, the Holy Name Men of St. Bernard have made special efforts to promote a good recreational program for the school children and the youth of the parish. They give not only in terms that are monetary but in hours that are truly a personal sacrifice. Their example at the Altar and in the field is one most warming to all. The lack of physical appointments because of the growth of the parish alone, have kept the Holy Name Society from greater public demonstration.

Closely allied to the Senior men's organization is the parish Catholic



FRIENDLY CONVERSE—Father Alfred Endres (left) and Father Ferdinand A. Mack are pictured here against the background of St. Bernard's Church walls.

Youth group known as the C.Y.O. Organized originally during the brief pastorate of Father Nicholas Schneider during the Winter of 1939-1940, we find a rather healthy program of athletic activities existing today. Looking backward we remember with gratitude in our hearts early leaders in the person of the late John Kessenich and Lt. Stephen Thomas. Then, too, are recalled the expert guidance of the first baseball managers in the person of George Simon and later Leonard Lamberty, whereas today, the name of Jerome Hady rings the bell of sound baseball training. Last winter found the first C.Y.O. basketball team of the parish in regular competition. Encouraged especially by Father Alfred Endres, the Spiritual Director of the young people of the parish, the

lads went on to win the Diocesan basketball tournament. Success in this type of effort cannot be measured in dollars and cents but can be accounted for only through the consideration that is given the latent energy in the body of growing boys. As in the case of the senior group, so too with the juniors, only the lack of physical equipment keeps them from rising to greater heights.

The Ladies — Words of praise just cannot come fast enough as the Recorder reviews the history of the many accomplishments of our Senior Ladies' Group known today as the Christian Mother and Altar Society.

Unfortunately, at least for the student of yesteryear's accomplishments, no formal minutes of the early

meetings can be found. The basis of our remarks is hearsay—but hearsay that in no way smacks of the imaginative—definitely most realistic. Far back in the early days were the parish dinners—the chicken dinners—so famous even during those difficult horse-and-buggy traveling years. It was then that the married ladies of the parish, together with the few who had chosen single blessedness as their vocation, labored over oil stove and without running water to serve hundreds so that the parish might prosper all the more. Again the names of Vasen and Stricker, DuFrenne and Baltes, Esser and Kessenich, Frisch and Duschak, Ziegler and Ripp come down memory's lane when we think of the pies and cakes, chicken and ham, potatoes and gravy and, to be sure, carrots and peas.

Today the organization has enrolled practically the entire membership potential. It functions as a unit for some projects or it divides itself into many groups for individual projects. Enterprises of all kinds have been championed. No defeat is ever admitted for somehow or other courage of these ladies over the pe-

riod of more than 60 years has been a champion's cup from which the entire population of the parish has slaked its thirst.

Their Silent Motto

The main objects of the Society have always been the Church in general and the Sanctuary in particular. Chalice and monstrance, cope and chasuble, altar linens and choir cassocks, hymnals and missals have been furnished year after year so that the Divine Service might attract greater devotion and love. "Let the Lord be Praised" has truly been their silent motto.

Educational programs have been the secondary purpose of the organization. Mothers and wives have been instructed by experts in matters pertaining to home and to health, art and culture. Leisure time and domestic work have likewise been part of their regular yearly program. But even beyond all this, one can see the great blessings and benedictions that have come to the ladies of the parish through the sociability and good neighborliness that they have caused to develop.

It has been, however, in these last ten years—years of construction and true parish organization—that the wealth of the Society has truly been discovered. Known only too well is the splendid cooperation the ladies have given in the school program, the furnishing of the Sisters' Convent and the parish house. Unselfishness and devotion especially to these particular projects has truly been outstanding.

The youngest organization of the parish is that of the Young Ladies Sodality. Fundamentally it is devoted to the inculcation of greater love for the Immaculate Mother Mary. Dedicating themselves to their Queenly Mother, the Young Ladies promote devotion to her especially through the leadership given during the months of October and May at the daily evening services.

Not satisfied with work that they are called on to do through their parent organization, the Christian Mother and Altar Society, the Young Ladies do, from time to time, sponsor money raising projects through the media of candy and bake sales and public dances. It is interesting to note

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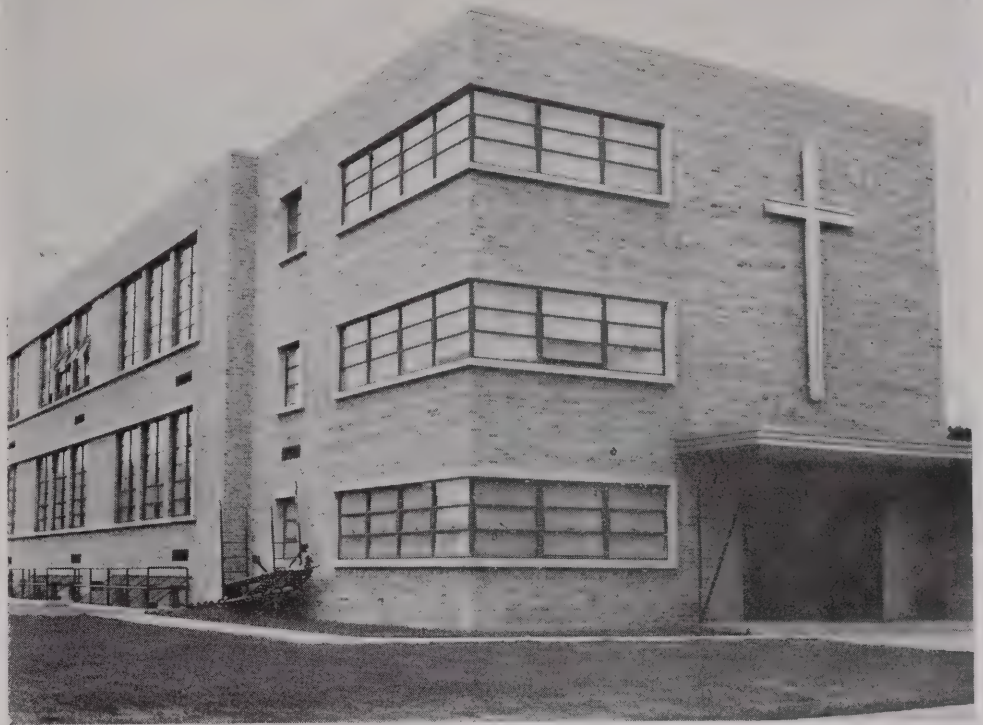
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how former officers of this organization have naturally accepted leadership in the senior group.

The history of St. Bernard Parish definitely would not be complete without at least a brief word on the church music. With music furnishing as it does an integral part in the solemn services of the Catholic Church, one can understand why every pastor is interested in the development of any leader that he may find within his parish. Somehow or other it must have been genius that discovered the talent, practically undeveloped at the time, over 30 years ago, in the person of the then Verna Hilgers. It was Father Lederer who instilled in her, now Mrs. Martin Haberland, her love for church music. Through years and years of hardship, of untiring zeal and earnestness, she has persevered to where she is practically entitled to sit back and admire in ecstasy the fruit of her work. Today, seated at the small church organ and following the score, she beams as she observes the directions of her son Martin, recent graduate of the College of Music of the University of Wisconsin. "Marty"—you see—has the envy of the entire diocese—a male choir of 20 voices—the fame of which we hope and pray shall precede even their chant in heaven's halls—"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts".



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Garden Club

A group interested in better gardens organized the Middleton Garden Club and elected their first officers Jan. 4, 1951, at the home of Mrs. George Hafstad. Mrs. Robert Sakrison was the first president, Mrs. Lloyd Williamson secretary, and Mrs. J. H. Rupp treasurer.

At the 1951 meetings held in the homes of members, Prof. J. G. Moore of the University told how to grow better vegetables. Mr. Petranek from McKay's Nursery talked on landscaping, Mrs. R. A. Walker on birds, and Mrs. C. A. Sakrison showed the making of a flower arrangement. Tours were made of members' gardens, and of Dr. and Mrs. Peter Duehrs' rose garden.

In September the first of five annual standard flower shows was held, in the village hall. Mrs. Marcus Schwab was general chairman of this standard flower show. There was much to learn about shows, grooming of plants, making arrangements, as well as staging a show.

The second year of the club, Roger Russell talked about gladioli, Mrs. Dakin on primroses, and of our own members who have much to give, Mrs. Erwin Barkhahn talked of raising dahlias and Mrs. M. A. Davis, iris.

An African violet and gloxinia show was held with the theme, "May Has Violets in her Hair". More than 900 people attended this show, from four states. Part of the proceeds were used for the planting of evergreens in front of the village hall. Mrs. Sakrison was chairman of the show. Mrs. C. W. Thielke was president, Mr. E. Barkhahn secretary, and Mrs. F. J. Zevnik treasurer.

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Treasurer.

OLD TAX RECEIPT—This tax receipt is just about 100 years old. It is in the possession of Roman Orth whose parents acquired the farm southwest of Middleton for which this \$5.84 tax bill was issued back in January of 1857.

In 1953, 1954, and 1955 the local Garden Club won blue ribbons in the Madison District for having the best flower show. Themes were "The Merry Month of May", "It's Raining Violets", and "Tulip Time". These shows had outgrown the village hall, and the last two were held in St. Bernard's school auditorium and the Middleton High School gym. An educational feature, such as the propagation of African violets, a conservation exhibit, and a children's department, was included in each show, as well as the horticulture and arrangements sections. Plants were sold, especially African violets.

Membership has changed, but the number remains around 25, the present membership. Almost from the first it has been a member of the district and state Federated Garden Clubs. Mrs. C. A. Sakrison was president of the Madison District Federation in 1952, and Mrs. C. W. Thielke in 1953. One of our members, Mrs. William Goke, of Platteville, is the present state vice-president. Other out-of-town members are Mrs. Leo Kessenich and Mrs. Harvey Solve-son of Waunakee, Mrs. Vincent Sae-man, Mrs. James Wilkie, and Mrs. Raymond Ripp of Cross Plains, and Mrs. Homer Morrow of Platteville.

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Mrs. Melvin Schwenn of Mt. Horeb was an active member until she organized the Mound Vue Garden Club in her own area.

Other honors have come to the club and its members, but they are most interested in the beautification of the village and its environs, and in enlarging the realization of the part that beauty plays in our lives. They have, besides the evergreens, put in balanced beds of tulips at the village hall, planted viburnums on the west side of the village park, flowering crab trees on the east side, and started a planting of hybrid lilacs as personal memorials to those of the members' families "who have gone before". Each Christmas they try to brighten others' holidays by the making and giving of dozens of tiny decorated trees to the Veterans' Hospital or corsages to those in the Mendota hospital. They gave many bulbs to the local Brownies, who grew them and presented them in bloom to the Old Folks' Home and the Kiddie Camp. They have a portable Garden Club library of various phases of growing and exhibiting plants, with Mrs. Hans Skott as librarian.

Present club plan are for a Country Garden Tour in early September with a show at the West Middleton church.

Puts in Plug For a New School

The editor had a bone to pick in favor of a better school, and he chose the opportunity in 1899 to put in a plug for progress, along with reporting the high school commencement in the issue of May 12, 1899:

The school exercises and arbor-day exercises held here Friday May 5th was a success in every way except the financial part. The parade started at 1:30 PM headed by the Beau Ideal Band in their new uniform, followed by 16 of the older boys of the schools dressed in military clothes and armed with the Springfield rifles. Next came the younger boys dressed in Filipino costumes. The line of march was through the principal streets

of the town to the school grounds where the Filipinos drilled in good style both in setting-up exercises and with guns.

After the afternoon exercises were over the school work exhibit at the Woodmen hall was carefully looked over by parents and friends. The judges were Prof. Hatch of Black Earth, ex-superintendent Thompson of Mt. Horeb, Miss Louise Coolidge of Middleton. The work done by the schools show that time has been spent in a good way and that the work done was of such a character that the people of the village might feel proud of it. The work done at the high school was excellent and showed that Prof. Blakely is deserving of a better school. Why not have a new high school building and put in a new course so we can be accredited to the state university without going to some other high school to finish up! The work in the public schools were of the best of quality both in neatness and skill of the pupils."

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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH ORGANIZED IN 1894



The Rev. E. T. Reiff stands before St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

During the summer of 1894 a small group of devout men living in and around Middleton, feeling the need of a church in the village, approached the Rev. E. F. Scherbel, then pastor of the First Lutheran Church on the hill southwest of Middleton, about organizing a congregation here.

An organization meeting was held Oct. 20, 1894 with 26 charter members present. The name chosen was "St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation." A constitution was adopted and Rev. E. F. Scherbel was called as pastor. Rev. Scherbel also continued to serve the First Lutheran Church.

Arrangements were made to have services in the Presbyterian Church which stood on the site of the present building. It was rented for \$25 a year until Oct. 22, 1900 when the property was purchased for \$500.

The congregation grew rapidly

and five years later at a special meeting the congregation voted to enlarge the building by adding 16 feet. A balcony and a 50 foot steeple were also built at that time.

The Rev. Mr. Scherbel served the congregation until 1920. He was succeeded by Rev. C. F. Stubenvolle who in turn was followed by the Rev. George Beckmann.

In 1923, having completely outgrown the wooden structure, additional land was acquired and construction of the present brick building began. The cornerstone was laid Aug. 26, 1923 and the church dedicated in August of 1924.

In 1942 the parsonage was constructed on property adjacent to the church. Luther Hall was added in 1951.

Present membership is 1,075. This includes 38 members from the former First Lutheran Church, the white

church on the hill southwest of Middleton, where a reunion service is held annually. Regular services at the First Lutheran Church were discontinued in 1947.

Fifteen members were originally from St. John's Lutheran Church, which at present is the residence of Mrs. Hans Skott. Eleven members on joining St. Luke's in 1944, gave the church its organ chimes as a memorial, using their share of the money from sale of the St. John's Church building for the gift.

Rev. E. T. Reiff, present pastor at St. Luke's, has served the church since Nov. 4, 1941. He came to Middleton from Oconto, Wis.

Charter member families were: Bernard Prien, Herman Brumm, John Lapple, Franz Watzke, John Lapple Sr., Philip Schneider, William Koepcke, August Brunkow, John Albrecht, John Strohecker, Henry Busch, Fritz Youngbluth, Henry



CHILDREN'S DAY—An annual event of St. Luke's and St. John's. This gathering about 1908 was held at Stevenson's Park. Rev. E. F. Scherbel is shown in foreground at left.

Gerds, August Denner, Fred Beuthin, John Tiedemann, Henry Schuster, William Kruse, M. Burckworth, Mat Hiney, William Redders, William Ibenthal, Henry Baeth, John F. Lubcke, William Pahl, Charles Bluecher.

Present church officers are: Ernest Zehner, president; George Stegeman, vice president; George Davis, secretary; Irvin Kampen, treasurer; and Martin Holzem, Fred Giesler, Norman Egstad, Herman Dauck Jr., and Wilfred Johnson, council members.

Church organizations include: Sunday School, Ladies Aid, Mission Society, Men's Brotherhood, Luther League, Oakwood Auxiliary, Altar Guild, Junior Choir, High School Choir, and Senior Choir.

St. Luke's Mission

The Women's Mission Society of St. Luke's church was organized on Feb. 23, 1944 under the leadership of Rev. E. T. Reiff. The first meeting was held at the church parlors with Mrs. H. A. Raemisch serving as first president and Mrs. E. H. Tiedemann as the first secretary. The following were charter members of the society: Mrs. William E. Chandler, Mrs. Minnie Dahlk, Miss Ida Engel, Mrs. Charles Erdman, Mrs. A. H. Fenster, Mrs. Jesse Gray, Mrs. Ray Hambrecht, Mrs. W. E. Henning, Mrs. T.

L. Herreid, Mrs. Gilma Muehlenbruch, Mrs. H. A. Raemisch, Mrs. E. T. Reiff, Mrs. Charles Schwenn, Mrs. E. H. Tiedemann, Mrs. M. H. Whalen, Mrs. O. Wittenburg, Mrs. Fred Zarndt, Mrs. H. C. Schewe, Mrs. A. C. Genge, Mrs. William Schulze, Mrs. George McNulty, Mrs. V. J.

Schwenn, Mrs. Erwin Tiedemann, Mrs. Wesley Burmeister. Several of these charter members had been members of a sewing circle which had formerly been held in connection with the church.

In April 1945 the Society became a member of the Women's Missionary Federation of the American Lutheran Church.

The following have served as president of the organization: Mrs. Henry Raemisch, 1944; Mrs. E. T. Reiff, 1945-47; Mrs. V. J. Schwenn, 1948; Mrs. A. W. Walser, 1949; Mrs. John Kruse, 1950-1951; Mrs. E. A. Tiedemann, 1952-54; Mrs. V. J. Schwenn, 1955-56.

Since they were organized the ladies of the Mission Society have done a lot of work and made many contributions for missionary work and benevolence such as sponsoring the gathering of outgrown clothing for various children's homes, sewing for orphanages, hospitals and missions and contributing to church missions, Lutheran Welfare and needy pastors. They are still very active in this work and meet the fourth Wednesday of every month in Luther Hall.

St. Luke's Altar Guild

St. Luke's Altar Guild is the youngest, but not the smallest, organization of St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

It was organized on the evening of Aug. 5, 1947, in the church parlors, by Rev. E. T. Reiff. He was anxious to have the more youthful women and young mothers of the church



MOTHER CHURCH—This is how the First German Lutheran Church, on the hill southwest of Middleton, looked near the turn of the century. Built in 1866 and enlarged in 1884, it was the first Lutheran church in the area.



CHRISTMAS SERVICE—St. Luke's Church is shown in the early 1900's, at the time of the Christmas service. On the stands, left and right of the tree, can be seen two music boxes, which played *Heilige Nacht* and *O Tannenbaum*, in German. The Rev. E. F. Scherbel was pastor. A Bethlehem scene appears at the right.

play an active part in the church organizations.

The purpose of the Altar Guild (as the name implies) is to care for the Altar. They are expected to replace, as well as furnish, the candles. They assist the Pastor during the Communion service as well as care for the Communion vessels. The Altar Guild cares for and supplies the Altar hangings and church paramounts. It is their duty, as a service to their church, to beautify the Altar with flowers for each worship service. They also care for the Pastor's and Choir robes.

The Guild meets the third Tuesday of each month in Luther Hall for an evening's program of devotion, education, and social.

The first officers elected were Miss Lavina Teckam, president; Mrs. E. F. Rasmussen, vice president, Mrs. G. Stegeman, secretary, and Mrs. Eleanor Jungbluth, treasurer.

The present officers include Mrs. Norman Egstad, president; Mrs. I. Eeverson, vice president; Mrs. F. Giesler, secretary, and Mrs. R. Heberlein, treasurer.

There are 22 charter members of the Altar Guild. Today our membership totals 80 women.

Rib Poundmaster On Strayed Colts

When horse met train half a century ago, the answer was very much like it is today, but the story here, from the Middleton Times-Herald of May 5, 1899, put the old adventure touch into it:

"Some colts belonging to William F. Pierstorff broke out of the pasture Wednesday night and the best two-year-old colt he owned was struck by the limited express which is due here at 3:15 A.M. while on the crossing west of Gruen's warehouse and carried about 150 feet when it was found dead. The express was going at about the rate of 50 miles an hour and it is said by a number of citizens that the engineer did not blow the whistle or ring the bell.—Later—The colts did not break out but the gate was left open by someone.

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Legion Auxiliary

The Middleton American Legion Auxiliary was formed at the request of the Middleton Legion Post No. 275, Dec. 3, 1928.

Officers elected the first year were Mrs. Lavina Webber, president; Mrs. Mary Schewe, first vice president, and Mrs. Winifred DiVall, secretary-treasurer. There were sixteen present.

Charter members were: Mary Clark, Emma Clayton, Eileen Daniels, Edna Denson, Winifred DiVall, Agnes Genge, Winifred Green, Anna Hambrecht, Marie Hambrecht, Gertrude Miller, Matilda Monteith, Marie Simon, Mary Schewe, Selma Tollefson, Mary Walsh and Lavina Webber.

Gold Star Mothers: Mrs. Mary Hook (deceased), Mrs. Lena Haberland (deceased), Mrs. Anna Braun, Mrs. Katherine Hellenbrand, Mrs. Inez Peterson, Mrs. Margaret Simons.

The Auxiliary is active in national defense, rehabilitation, child welfare, unit and community service, and Americanism.

Printing Job Leads to Story

When the editor did a stroke of business, like as not he would make a news item out of it too. This is the send-off he gave in the Middleton Times-Herald of June 2, 1899, to what might have looked like a prospective advertiser:

"We printed invitations for the marriage of Mr. Herman Schulenberg and Miss Anna Schultz, which will take place at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Schulenberg at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, 1899. The bride is a daughter of Joe Schultz of this village, and the groom is one of our young business men who has a bright prospect before him."

Flags have been given to various schools, a high school junior is sent to Badger Girls' State each year, donations are made yearly to the Red

Cross, Salvation Army, youth drive, for Middleton park improvements. Furniture and books have been donated to the library.

Veterans' children have been helped with their education and also medical care; members help with work and entertainment at the Madison Veterans hospital, a tape recorder and three pictures for the waiting room have been given to the hospital, besides money for Christmas trees, gifts, etc. Gifts and donations are also sent to the other Veterans' hospitals. Clothing, shoes and books have been sent to the Philippines and also to Korea.

Darlene Ibenthal is our Badger Girls' State representative this year and the officers for 1956 are: president, Mrs. Viola Goth; 1st vice president, Mrs. Audry Miller; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Elaine Hambrecht; secretary, Mrs. Pauline O'Neill; treasurer, Mary Walsh; historian, Marion Brumm; chaplain, Marion Stewart; sergeant-at-arms, Marie Hambrecht.

"Our mayor is busy husking corn." — TIMES-HERALD Oct. 20, 1899.

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ANNIVERSARY PARTY—These youngsters lined up at the (soft drink) bar are celebrating the first anniversary of the establishment of the recreation center for Middleton young people. Left to right they are Annabelle Bruenig (Wipperfurth), Jeanine Achtenberg, Duaine Walser, Dorene Stricker, Marlene Henning (Tiedeman), Cordella Bruenig (Cook), Jane Miller, Phyllis Steve (Duckwitz), Richard Carlson, LaVon Henning, Beverly Schlough (Wahl).

Cardinal Roost 8 Years Old

Only 92 years younger than the Village of Middleton, the Cardinal Roost is Middleton's gift to its youth. The eight-year-old organization's purpose is to give the youth of the village a place to assemble in their leisure hours and provide their own entertainment.

The Roost is sponsored by the Middleton Civic Club. The village board pays the rent, and the operating expenses are obtained chiefly from the Youth Fund Drive and membership fees. The government of the Roost is of the youth and by the youth with a director who functions chiefly as an advisor. The council consists of a boy and girl who are elected from each high school class and three out-of-school members. The council officers of 1955-56 are: president, Jim Larson; vice president, Willard Stluka; secretary, Barbara Holo; treasurer, Mary Reiff. Other members are: Beulah Holzem, Tom Bradley, John Schultz, Duane Hanson, Vicki Burcalow, Mike Hurtgen, Beverly Ingwell, and Dave Grosse. The present director is Richard C. Wagner, a Middleton teacher.

The Roost membership has been growing steadily. This year's membership is expected to exceed 275 members. The quality of the youth which is active in the Roost is noticed when the academic and athletic achievements of the Middleton Free Union High School are surveyed. Eighty per cent or more of the honor rolls and athletic teams are Roost members.

Middleton parents are much involved in the activities of the youth center and donate their time to chaperone on "Roost nights." The chaperones are parents of the Roost members.

The Roost activities are primarily social. The purpose was to provide a place for the village youth to spend its leisure time at a minimum cost to the member. The activities offered are: dancing, chess, checkers, pool, cards, relaxation and plenty of conversation. The membership is two dollars a year to any person who has graduated from the eighth grade and who lives in the Middleton Free Union High School district and is not over 19 years of age.

The Cardinal Roost wishes to thank the community of Middleton for its fine support and wish it a happy 100th anniversary.

"George Dott, of Madison, who purchased 10 acres of land just east from where the railroad crosses the line dividing the towns of Madison and Middleton, is busy sinking a shaft with the assistance of John Tiedeman, Jr., prospecting for lead ore as such was found on the place while drilling a well."—TIMES-HERALD Nov. 13, 1899.

Wm. Simon Post, VFW

As our name implies, the Veterans of Foreign Wars is an organization of veterans who served overseas in one of the branches of our armed forces during wartime.

As set forth in our constitution the purposes of our organization are as follows: "The objects of this association are fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies, whomsoever."

The first organizational meeting of our post was held on July 11, 1946. The following Middleton veterans were present: Clarence Ziegler, Fritz Grob, Kenneth Bischoff, Oliver Wolters, Lloyd Zarndt, Maurice Weremuth, James Utter, Mel Backman, Wayne Brumm, Frank Grob, and Benjamin Densen. All these men belonged to Madison Post No. 1318 and met for the purpose of forming a local post in Middleton. Ben Densen was elected temporary commander, Clarence Ziegler temporary quartermaster and Harry Burmester temporary adjutant. That first meeting was held in the I.O.O.F. Hall.

On July 29, 1946 the name William "Sonny" Simon Post was selected. The installation and initiation program was held Oct. 10, 1946 making the new post officially a member of the national organization.

The Post moved from the I.O.O.F. Hall to the upstairs meeting room of the Village Hall on Sept. 16, 1946, where they continued to hold meetings until the purchase of the present club house.

Since its organization the post has grown from the 12 members who first met to organize to a present membership of 112. It has participated in many worthwhile community activities including Christmas parties for

children in co-operation with American Legion, Memorial Day and Armistice Day observance, sponsorship of the Cub Scouts; aid to needy veterans and their families, donations to charitable organizations, and the purchase of wheel chairs, hospital beds and crutches for the use of disabled members of the community.

In September of 1954 the post purchased the school house at Pheasant Branch as the new post home and held its first meeting there on Oct. 7, 1954. Since that time the school has been redecorated and a new furnace and plumbing has been installed.

Commanders of the post since its inception have been Ben Densen, Roland Knoche, Norman Denner, Charles Steckelberg, Vernon Denner, Allen Durkopp, Ed Shiveler, Walter Westedt, James Utter, Harvey Tesch, and Robert Isaksen.

VFW Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary to the William "Sonny" Simon Post No. 8216, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Middleton, was organized on September 16, 1953 at a special meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Auxiliary was instituted and had its first regular meeting on October 28, 1953. There were 29 charter members as follows: Lorraine Allord, Audrey Amble, Freda Baltes, Agnes Bennett, Alice Berkan, Muriel Blakeslee, Ruth Close, Audrey Dahnke, Florence Disch, Aletta Durkopp, Yvonne Dushak, Florence Elver, Helen Hasz, Angelyn Helleckson, Lucille Lange, Julia Lektorich, Laurine Meyer, Luella Mickelson, Sally Neuville, Arline Offerdahl, Pauline O'Neill, Kay Pankratz, Bernadette Schrier, Delores Shiveler, Evelyn Sommer, Ann Steckelberg, Lois Steckelberg, Eileen Tesch, Mildred Thrasher, Germaine Utter, Lois Westedt, Hildegard Williamson, Alice Wolters, Shirley O'Brien, Phylliss Groth, Elsie Denner and Emily Knoche.

The objects of the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars are: to assist the Posts and the members whenever possible; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America and fidelity to its Constitution and Laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain

and extend the institutions of American freedom and equal rights and justice to all men and women; and to preserve and defend the United States of America from all her enemies.

The VFW Auxiliary, though a very young organization, has attempted to live up to their objects. They have made favors and Christmas boxes for the Veterans Hospital, put on Bingo parties and done other volunteer work in the Hospital. There are plans to expand and enlarge their hospital work. They have given

three flags to the Girl Scouts, one for each neighborhood, and expect to continue this practice each year. The Auxiliary has assisted their Post in the annual Carnival and in the work at the new clubhouse.

The first president was Lois Westedt, who was succeeded by Audrey Dahnke. The present president is Emily Knoche and the secretary is Delores Shiveler. The regular meeting night is the second Wednesday of the month at the VFW Hall.



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League of Women Voters

In April of 1952 the first meeting of the Middleton Unit of the League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. C. W. Threinen, with about 16 ladies present to learn about the work of the League and to see if there were enough interested to warrant formation of such a group in our village.

Mrs. Carolyn Wilds of the Madison League came out to that first meeting to tell what the League could do for a village and its citizens, what benefits the individual members would derive from belonging, and the kind of work and service that would be required.

The first officers of the group for 1952-53 were Mrs. C. W. Threinen, chairman, Mrs. Champ Tanner, membership chairman.

Officers for the ensuing years were: 1953-54—Mrs. Richard Summers, chairman, Mrs. Reed Hanson, membership chairman; 1954-55—Mrs. Champ Tanner, chairman, Mrs. Dale Gillings, membership chairman; 1955-56—Mrs. Roland Lehman, chairman, Mrs. Peter Girardot, membership chairman.

Mrs. Girardot resigned because of moving to Ohio and her term of office was filled by Mrs. Joseph Clark, membership chairman. Officers at the present time and for the coming year are: 1956-57—Mrs. Donald V. Putz, chairman, Mrs. Donald Atkins, membership chairman.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization dedicated to the principles of representative government established in the Constitution of the United States. Its pur-



VOTERS LEAGUE—Some members of the Middleton unit of the League of Women Voters are pictured at a meeting this spring. Seated in the foreground, left to right, are Mrs. Donald Atkins, Mrs. Champ Tanner, and Mrs. Donald V. Putz, chairman. In the back row are Mrs. Roland Schultz, Mrs. Joe W. Clarke, Mrs. Ray G. Herb, Mrs. Roland Lehman, Mrs. Dale Gillings and Mrs. Jerome Hanson.

pose is to promote informed and active participation of citizens in government. Active members are women citizens of voting age. There are 126,000 members in the United States. There are 959 local Leagues.

The League dates from 1920 and is an outgrowth of the woman's suffrage movement when the 19th amendment was passed. The League is geared to make decisions and take action in the public interest. The membership examines an issue carefully from all points of view, arriving at a position and taking action to further that position. Action may include providing information, building public opinion, and supporting or opposing legislation. Therefore the League is a study and action group rather than a political group.

Voters service is one of the League's most important functions. The Middleton unit has worked along these lines by distributing pamphlets, distributing candidates' papers on those men running for trustee positions on the Village Board, holding candidates meetings, and offering rides and baby sitters to citizens in an effort to get out the vote. The unit has also sent observers to the Village Board meetings as interested citizens.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite any interested women to our meetings. Just call one of our officers who will gladly inform you of the time and place and welcome you as an active citizen of our community.

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Cub Pack 340

(Picture on Page 88)

The first meeting to organize a Cub Scout Pack in Middleton was held Dec. 12, 1950 under the sponsorship of the Middleton Civic Club. It was held in the Village Hall and all parents of boys in the age group 8 to 11 were urged to attend. The area representative explained a Cub organization. An advisory committee composed of Mrs. Larry Motl, Mrs. John Whitcomb, Dale Smith, Norbert Pick, and Joe Schwab supervised the organization.

On March 6, 1951, a meeting of all adult leaders of Cub Scout Pack No. 340 met at the home of Ed Melnarik. They were in need of funds to get started so a paper drive was planned for March 31. The first pack meeting was planned for March 30 with the theme "Cub Scouting Around the World".

The first charter was issued Pack No. 340 dated March 31, 1951. At this time, the Cubmaster was J. R. Stahl; Assistant Cubmaster, Ed Melnarik; Committeemen, Walter Bauman, Norbert Pick, Joe Schwab, William Holley and Dale Smith. The Den

Mr. Jake Stricker, proprietor of the Washington House, had the misfortune to dislocate his right shoulder by falling over a spring seat late Monday night, it being quite dark, while attending a sick cow.—TIMES-HERALD May 5, 1899.

mothers were: Den 1, Mrs. Larry Motl; Den 2, Mrs. John Whitcomb; Den 3, Mrs. LaVaughn Anderson; Den 4, Mrs. Richie, and Den 5, Mrs. Donald Hurtgen.

From this beginning Cub Pack 340 has grown to 11 dens in 1956 with 81 boys registered. Through the past 6 years, 4 men have served as Committee chairmen: Dale Smith, Elmer Cox, Frank Huftedler, and at present, Allen Root. Three men have served as Cubmasters: James Stahl, Arvil Mergen, and the newly elected, Arnold Griswold. Since 1954, the pack has been sponsored by the William "Sonny" Simon Post No. 8216, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

During the time that Pack 340 has been active, many activities have been carried out such as a circus, a trip to Braves baseball game, a trip to the Poynette game farm, a trip

to the University Bee Farm, a trip to the airport, an annual Father and Son Fisheree, and family picnics.

At present Cub Scout Pack 340 has Robert Hildebrandt and W. B. Ingersoll as Assistant Cubmaster and Felix Pankratz as Institutional Representative. Besides Allen Root as chairman, the committeemen are Clarence Ziegler, Robert Geller, A. J. Mergen, R. M. Davis, Clem Brusky, and Roger Lindgren. Mrs. Robert Hildebrandt is the mother's supervisor.

"Burglars visited this quiet village Tuesday night and entered the office of J. W. Green's warehouse and broke the knob of the safe and tried to drill into it in nine different places but failed to get into it. They secured nothing here, but left some tools they secured at the tool house belonging to the railway company which they had broken into. They entered the Opera House through a window in the basement, but only secured about 300 cigars."—TIMES-HERALD Oct. 6, 1899.

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Odd Fellows

The Middleton Odd Fellow Lodge was organized Oct. 10, 1868, and a charter was granted to R. E. Davis, N. C. Rowley, John Prien, Geo. W. Murray, John Drives, and Daniel Brush on Jan. 21, 1869.

The Odd Fellows are pledged to the three links, which is the organization's goal. The three links are truth, love, and friendship. The lodge is also pledged to the helping of the aged, orphaned and the sick. The sick by taking care of their needs, the aged and orphaned by giving them a home. The Wisconsin Home for Odd Fellows is located at Green Bay, Wis.

The Middleton lodge has had an eventful life. The lodge built the present lodge hall, which is still in use, on the corner of Parmenter Street and Elmwood Avenue, in 1869. At this time there were 53 members.

In bygone years the Odd Fellows hall has been used for many different organized and social uses. The Masons first used our hall for their meeting, also the Royal Neighbors, the Woodmen, and the Rebekahs.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, when first organized, held their first meeting in the lodge hall. The social events were many and not recorded. Dances and card parties which were held, were open to the residents of our village and surrounding area.

Following is a list of members of the lodge and their occupation in the year 1868. We hope that you may recall some of them.

Daniel Brush, carpenter; C. P. Barber, tinsmith; Simon Best, blacksmith; A. B. Campbell, harness maker; C. R. Chapman, farmer; S. C. Coolidge, physician; Romanzo Davis, produce dealer; John Drives, clerk; John Ibenthal, mason; Jefferson Engel, merchant; William Ellis, tailor; Geo. Grant, mechanic; Wm. Hagel, miller; H. S. Hyde, produce dealer; Chas. Klauber, merchant; C. Samert, shoemaker; Geo. Murray, produce dealer; Chas. Mall, carpenter; Jacob Marty, farmer; F. Menan, teamster; John Prein, blacksmith; Jonas Parmenter, painter; Amos B. Parmenter, clerk; John Pie, butcher; Andrew Pick, brewer; N. C. Rowley, doctor; F. Roloff, farmer; Hesup Schuster, gardener; C. Senwacher, blacksmith; J. Schneider, shoemaker.

"The old pump at the corner of Mills and Parmenter streets, which has served the public at large for a number of years has been removed and a new iron pump put in place of it by Mr. B. Gruetter." — TIMES-HERALD Aug. 25, 1899.

"A flock of wild pigeons were seen in this vicinity the past week, the first in several years." — TIMES-HERALD Sept. 8, 1899.

"Watch Henry Schuster, Jr., come out next week with his new milk wagon lettered 'The Park Hill Dairy.'" — TIMES-HERALD Sept. 22, 1899.

"A number of our young people assembled at the home of John Schroeder Wednesday night to watch for meteors that never came. They sat up till about 1:30 a.m. and then went home." — TIMES-HERALD Nov. 13, 1899.



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The Middleton Library

By MRS. OTTO KOBERLE

"Mighty oaks from little acorns grow," and so it is with ideas. In 1926 the members of the Middleton Woman's Club felt they should do something about Middleton's need for a public library. Each member gave one or more volumes from her own private collection. This small shelf of books, which was the beginning of the Middleton Public Library, was placed in the Burmester and Kruse General Store. The first librarian, who gave her time and talents to further the dream, was Mae Kruse, and the tiny library opened on Feb. 22, 1927.

A few books and many ideas did not fill the needs of growing Middleton, nor satisfy the Club's ambitions. As the library grew, the women worked hard to support their growing child. The Club sponsored dances, food sales, home talent shows, card parties, socials, hobby shows and many other methods of bringing in the needed money. The people of Middleton responded by attending these fund raising functions, and by giving generously of books and magazines.

In 1930, the need for more space became a necessity. The village board then gave a room in the village hall, with light and heat. Later, another room was added. Still the library grew, until in 1955 the village provided the very pleasant room which now houses the library.

In 1935 the tiny acorn was recognized as a growing tree that supplied the needs of the Middleton area. It was then that the village and township first gave financial aid. Since that time they have gradually assumed the financial responsibility of the library. The Woman's Club still has a deep interest in the library, sponsoring activities which bring in money for books and accessories. They also act in a supervisory capacity. The organizations of Middleton, and its individuals have always been most generous with contributions, and many memorial gifts have been added to the library.

Mrs. Frederick Malcolm, librarian, gives these statistics which help illustrate the progress which has been made since a group of women started with about two dozen books, 30 years ago:

During 1955, there were 2,776

books circulated — this includes books which were loaned from the State Traveling Library, and the University Extension Division. There were 273 new readers registered during the past year, and 265 new books were purchased. The library now has 3,800 volumes on its shelves for public use. During the past summer months, a very popular story hour is offered to Middleton youth.

The Library Board consists of six members of the Woman's Club, who work with the assistance of the librarian, and one representative from the village, and one from the township.

Dreams do come true—if you work while you're waiting. Those who have worked for the library over the years, held in their mind's eye a bright picture. Visitors to the Middleton Public Library today will feel that every early dream has been fulfilled.

"Hog cholera is raging in this locality." — TIMES-HERALD Oct. 20, 1899.

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High School Started By Vote in 1878

On the second day of April 1878, a petition was submitted to the qualified electors at the annual town meeting of the Town of Middleton for the purpose of organizing a high school. The question of instituting and maintaining a free high school was introduced to the qualified electors and the result of the election was 128 votes for and 87 opposed. A special meeting of the new district was called and the members of the Board of Education were elected. They were: R. E. Davis, clerk; Daniel Vernon, president; and Fritz Elver, treasurer.

One room was leased from the elementary school for the use of the high school for \$100 annually. Mr. C. E. Buell was the first teacher to be hired for a salary of \$200, and the length of the school term was three months. Twenty-one students were admitted to the high school after having passed the entrance examination.

The first three-year high school course of study was introduced in 1890. Five years later the first commencement exercises were held under the direction of Principal H. A. Veith. The six graduates were William Pierstorff, August Elvert, August Wahler, Anna Busch, Mary Hope and Anna Wolf.

In June 1903 the town board was



OLD HIGH SCHOOL — This building was the Middleton high school before 1910. It is now used as the Masonic Temple.

empowered to buy a site and build a free High School for the Town and Village of Middleton at a cost not to exceed \$5000. The site was the present Masonic Temple. A four year course of study was also selected by the Board and approved by the State Superintendent. Thirteen years later Industrial Arts and Commercial courses were added to the course of study. Due to the increased enrollment it was necessary to purchase a new site and begin construction on a new building in 1918. Three acres of land were purchased from Mrs. Barbara Stricker for \$1500 and on May 18 the contract for the new school building was awarded to Fritz Bros. for \$32,480.

The administrators of the high school and the terms of office are as follows (complete records are not available):

1879-1881—C. E. Buell

1881-1882—Bradford Gillett
1882-1884—E. J. Collins
1884-1886—E. B. Oakley
1893-1896—H. A. Veith
1896-1900—T. P. Blakley
1900-1901—Thomas Webster
1901-1903—Everett Reynolds
1903-1906—F. G. Mueller
1906-1907—A. J. Zoerb
1907-1912—Charles Jahr
1912-1915—F. J. Holt
1916-1917—Herbert Whitehorse
1917-1920—H. C. Ruenzel
1921-1928—C. Peterson
1928-1935—L. W. Amborn
1935-1938—Walter Bruce
1938-Present—Alfred J. Meyer

In 1939 the School Board was authorized to buy 3½ acres of land east of the school from the Middleton Fire Co.

The Smith-Hughes Agriculture course was added to the curriculum in 1941 and the farm shop was constructed the following year.

In June 1946 a special committee was appointed to meet jointly with the Board of Education to investigate conditions and plans for a new school building. The following year eight more acres of land were purchased from the Middleton Fire Co. for future expansion, and plans for a new building were being studied. Since the borrowing power of a district is determined by 5% of the assessed valuation, it was necessary to increase the size by annexation in order to get sufficient funds to build a school to meet the needs of the district. In 1948, parts of the towns of Madison, Springfield, Berry and

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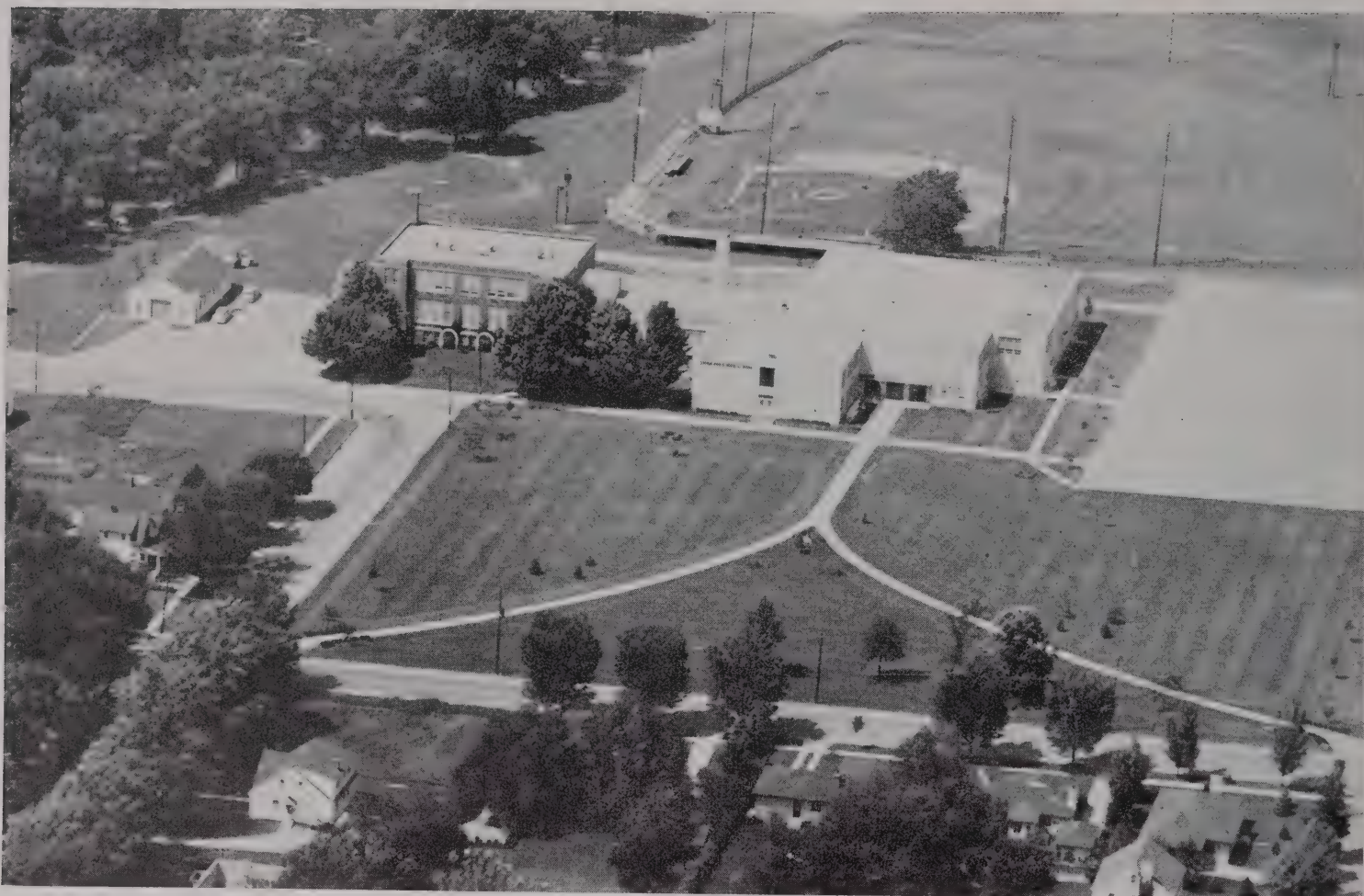
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HIGH-FLYING EDUCATION — This aerial view shows the high school with its new wing and gymnasium. Beyond is the baseball field. (Picture courtesy of Inland Photo Co.)

Cross Plains and the village of Cross Plains were annexed to the Union Free High School district. The Board of Education was increased from three to five members so that the new territory had representation.

At a special meeting held in October the voters approved a loan from the State Trust Fund of \$475,000 for the purpose of improving the present building by remodeling and constructing an addition thereto. The purchase of three acres of land from the Middleton Fire Co. for \$6000 was also approved. The members of the Middleton Fire Company are to be congratulated for their interest in education and their foresight in retaining the land for sale to the school district exclusively.

In the spring of 1948, a special meeting was held for the purpose

of developing the athletic field and installing flood lights. This was done through the cooperation of the baseball club and the school district.

Middleton High School has the distinction of having the only dry kiln in the world in conjunction with the industrial arts department. It was constructed in 1951 for approximately \$7000.

In 1953, the Board of Education made application for membership in the North Central Association. The entire year was spent in self evaluation by the faculty and the Board. In the fall of 1954, thirty-two educators throughout the state spent three days visiting the high school and evaluating the entire school system. We were approved by the North Central Association and were one of two

schools from Wisconsin that were accepted in 1955.

The past year Middleton High School made application to the State Board of Vocational Education for membership in vocational Home Economics and was approved.

The total enrollment for next year is 468 students of which 142 are freshmen. There are twenty-three members on the faculty.

Members of the High School Board of Education are Henry Lemcke, director; Orvin Bollenbach, treasurer; representing the Town of Middleton; Clarence R. Miller, clerk from the Village of Middleton; Dr. E. C. Olson of Village and Towns of Cross Plains and Berry; and John Pertzborn of the Towns of Springfield and Madison.

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Homemakers Club

By MRS. CLARA SKOTT

In order that homemakers in the Middleton area might participate in the University of Wisconsin Home Economics extension program, some personal work was necessary to organize local Homemakers' Clubs. Mrs. Paul Phillips set out in the farm truck and in her inimitable persuasive way, got four clubs organized in 1944. When the first Center meeting was held in the Middleton high school Sept. 24, 1944, 25 women were present, from three Verona school districts, and from Pleasant Site, Highland-Mendota Beach, Gammon, and Middleton graded. Mrs. Phillips was named president, and Mrs. H. A. Raemisch secretary-treasurer.

Miss Gertrude Hoffmann, now in University extension work, was the Dane county home demonstration agent that first year. The Center meetings were held alternately in Middleton and in Verona. Mrs. Phillips recalls that "the first demonstration was on mending", but the records say it was "Save Material through Repair", "Meal Planning in Wartime", "Longer Life for Home Equipment" and other similar topics

show the eternal place of woman as the conservator in the home.

The next year Pheasant Branch and Hillcrest clubs had organized, and the Center meetings were all in the local high school, where they still continue, six months of each school year. Two members from each club take the demonstration back to give to their own local club.

A change has been made from the sack lunches and potluck dinners of the early days, to the present plan of two clubs of the present fifteen serving at one meeting, rotating until each club has had its turn.

Subject matter varies as the years pass, although food and good nutrition always have at least one month's study each year. Clothing work began with "Basic Sewing" and progressed right on up to tailoring lessons for those who became expert enough. Miss Alice Davis, who replaced Miss Hoffmann as county agent in 1945, presented the simpler "Bishop" system of sewing then the former tedious basting, and passed on her tailoring skill to special groups who wished it. Many were the dresses, suits, and even hats that appeared in the Homemakers' Style Revues at annual Achievement Days. Many handicrafts have been learned, such as rug making, textile

painting, leather work, furniture refinishing, etc. Homemakers' interests are as diversified as the subjects studied: Family Relations, Landscaping, Breadmaking, Child Development, to name a few.

The county Homemakers Chorus was organized Feb. 28, 1949, with several of the Middleton homemakers taking an active part in its public appearances, continuing to the present time.

The Homemakers take an active part in the county Health Council, citizenship work, as 4-H leaders, in church activities, and in such recreational projects as drama, spring tours, etc. Two outstanding presentations of their talent were the showing of dolls as her hobby, by Mrs. Otto Koberle at the 1945 Achievement Day, and the original skit "The Quilting Bee" written by Mrs. John Kruse for a part of "Family Living in the 1800's" at the 1948 Achievement Day, which was held in the Middleton theater. This was part of Dane County's celebration of the Wisconsin Centennial.

Home Economics scholarships are given annually. This space is too limited to record all the homemakers' varied activities.

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Scout Troop 40

Boys from the beginning of time have loved the out-of-doors. They crave being together in groups and especially do they like to be close to nature and live again the adventures of the early American Scouts such as Boone, Lewis and Clarke, and other pathfinders of the early frontier. The increase in cities has had a tendency to reduce the satisfaction of these inborn longings.

The scouting idea was born in the mind of General Baden-Powell in England and he organized the first Boy Scout Camp in 1907. The idea was brought to America by William D. Boyce and the first organization was incorporated on Feb. 8, 1910. Since that time millions of boys have participated in and enjoyed the Boy Scout program.

In Middleton the first organized attempt to develop such a program

was started early in the 1930's. A troop was formed and continued for about two years. Due to lack of leadership and other causes this first attempt fell by the wayside.

In the fall of 1937 local interest in the Scouting movement was again beginning to show itself. The Middleton State Graded School Board indicated that it would be willing to sponsor an organization and to provide a meeting place. Three interested men of the community, namely Harry Victora, Henry Lemcke, and William Chandler, agreed to serve on the first troop committee to get a troop started. Mr. Victora served as chairman of this first committee. By the end of the year a group of ten boys were ready to become tenderfoot scouts under the leadership of Edward G. Kromrey, who had been appointed scoutmaster by the committee. No one was available to serve as assistant scoutmaster at that time. The first Court of Honor

was held as a part of the program of the Graded School Mother's Club during the middle of the month of December 1937. The first charter was granted by the National Council and the local troop was underway. The troop was given the number 40 which it has retained to the present time. Among the charter members of the troop were the following boys: Roger Victora, Robert Lemcke, Delmar Steckleberg, Kenneth Sanftleben, Lowell Busch, Robert Dahmen, Francis Denson, Donald Hagen, Joseph Diederich, and Stanley Baltes.

Since that first eventful December in 1937 more than 600 boys and more than 75 men have been associated with the troop and its program. Meetings have been held at the Graded School each Tuesday evening while school is in session. Each year many of the members have enjoyed going to the official Scout Camp at Green Lake. This camp is called Camp Tichora. Mem-

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bers have participated in all major scouting activities of the Madison area which include the annual camporees, fall round-ups, etc. On two occasions the troop has sent representatives to the National Jamboree at Valley Forge and Los Angeles. Several groups have gone to Springfield, Ill., and taken the Lincoln Trail from New Salem to Springfield. This hike is approximately 25 miles in length. For several years one or more overnight camping projects have been carried out as well as several cook-outs each fall and spring.

The basic scouting program includes such items as first aid, knot tying, signaling, map reading and map making, firebuilding, cooking over the open fire, wild life information, and good citizenship activities. Public service is also an integral part of the program. During World War II the troop collected 100 tons of scrap iron, 225,000 pounds of waste paper, and was in charge of the first pickup of waste aluminum and also the tin salvage program.

The present troop organization consists of the following: Troop Committee: Dale Smith, chairman; Robert Davis, secretary; Merle Clark, Robert Sakrison, Walter Schara, Philip Smith, and Ellsworth Schultze; institutional representative: Robert Hughes; scoutmaster: Edward G. Kromrey; assistant scoutmasters: A. J. Mergen and Arnold F. Griswold; explorer advisor: L. H. Bruce.

Boy membership: Explorers—18 (boys who are 14 years of age or



CARDINALS OF 1910—Here is the Middleton Cardinals Baseball Team of 1910. In the front row, left to right, are Albert Jungbluth, Henry Kluess, Romanzo Schneider and Sterling Toepfer. Back of them are John (Pat) Welch, Fred Teckam, Martin DuFrenne, John Dick and Herbert Rosien.

over); Scouts—22 (boys between the ages of 11 and 14).

The local troop No. 40 receives its financial support from the annual Youth Drive for Funds.

Scout Troop 38

The second Boy Scout Troop in Middleton was organized at St. Bernard's Church in January 1953 and was presented its national charter from the Boy Scouts of America in February.

The Holy Name Society of St. Bernard's became the sponsoring organization and the first Scout leaders were Donald C. Hurtgen, scoutmaster, and John Dahmen, assistant scoutmaster. The original troop committee consisted of Rev. Alfred Endres, troop committee chairman; Ed Melnarik, institutional representative; Marcus Schwab, troop treasurer; Joe Lectorich, secretary; LeRoy Ross and Walter Adler, outdoorsmen; Ed Tomlinson, publicity; Walter Bauman and Maurice D. O'Connell, advancement. Gerald Grosse, Donald Harrop, and Ed Hickman were added to the committee at a later time.

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CUB SCOUTS—The Middleton Cub Pack, No. 340, is shown here in the Memorial Day parade of 1952. At the left is the Cubmaster, James Stahl.

as some of the original members were unable to continue.

The following 15 boys were the charter members of the Troop: Tom France, Bill Adler, David Baltes, Ronnie Brown, Bob Busch, Don Dresen, Greg Foss, David Grosse, Russell Hildebrandt, Tom Hollfelder, Mike Hurtgen, John Kaminski, Ed Melnarik, Neil Sampson, and John Hulder. In February 1953, 13 boys received their tenderfoot pins at the Court of Honor. Troop meetings were held each Tuesday evening at St. Bernard's School. In addition to the charter members of the troop the following boys are now active Scouts in the troop or have been in the troop since its organization: Gerald Frank, Rollie Lamberty, Ronnie Grosse, James Nesson, Dick Baltes, James Teff, Victor Karls, John Olson, Mike Melnarik, John Parisi, Lee Mack, Bill

Harrop, Jim Harrop, Mike Hildebrandt, Bob Van Zandt, John Hartz, Peter Diederich, Dean Zentner, Bob Adler, Bob Diederich, John Biser, Jim Hollfelder, Victor Bram, Bill Holley.

The boys progressed well in their Scout work and the troop grew until there were four patrols, namely: Panther, Flying Eagle, Hawk, and Flaming Arrow.

Each year since its organization the troop has been well represented at Camp Tichora near Green Lake, Wis., West Dane Camporee, and the Klondike Derby.

A handicraft program was inaugurated in the troop almost two years ago. Leatherwork seemed to have been enjoyed the most by the boys as nearly all of them have made belts and decorated them.

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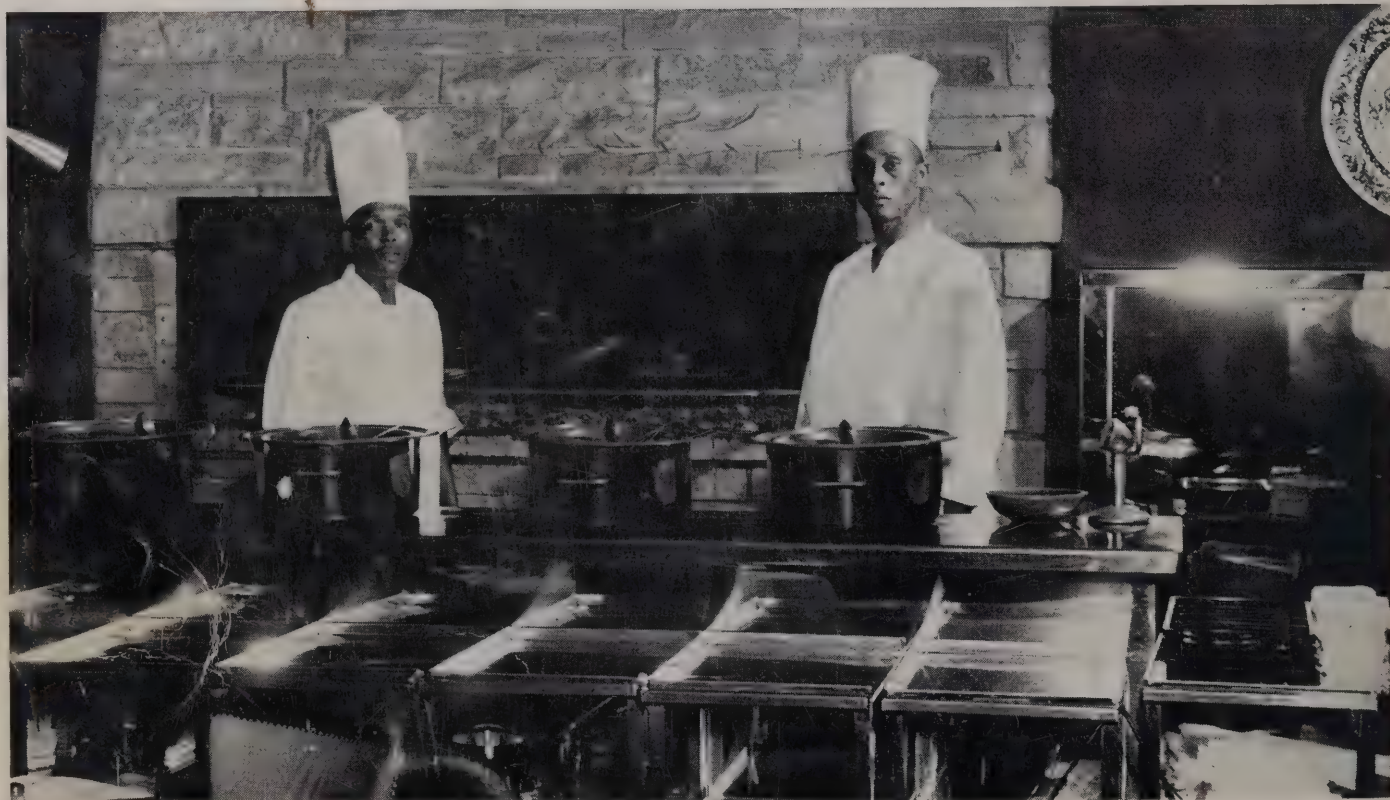
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